

**Town and County
Start Struggling Back**

- Moodie's popularity goes up, Brown's down, following Indian-dominated electoral win.
- "1887" will go down in history as the "Big Crop" year. And a most timely event, too, after the grasshopper plague of the mid-'70s, and the floods and frosts of the early '80s. It was a much-needed "shot in the arm" for the partially deserted settlement. Editor Moodie had early premonitions of better times on the way, and dutifully followed the seasons with regular weather reports.
- Hopes of filling up some of the vacant farms, vacated in the 'bad years' were enlivened by the return of several former settlers, and indications of others to follow.
- Moodie seems brightened by the prospects, and indulges in a bit of banter with the influential Free Press, & shows he can match the best of them quip for quip.
- The English church congregation, few in numbers, but in spirit strong, picked the right year to erect their first building after meeting for years in Andrews' Hall. Was it after this that the "All Saints" insignia was added? The editor of the day dutifully gave the ladies' of the congregation all the publicity he could, in appreciation of their valiant efforts to "raise funds first, build after" - the Moodie way.
- After carrying on for almost two years with only two regular advertisers (Galloway and Doherty) the "Age" was winding up the year on the road to prosperity too, with five: Deans's Hdwe., and Schooley's and McQueen's general stores helping fill up the slack pages. When the big "pull out" came (just 8 mos. after they started the paper) — they avowed they had done so to "right some wrongs" — & were going to "stick it out" — and they did so; and big-heartedly too, without rancor or recrimination. History-lovers owe much to the Moodies.
- We are anxiously awaiting clarification of the "Why" & "Wherefore" of the change in "name" of the big store, from "R. Galloway & Bro." to just "William Galloway" which occurred abruptly after the business was moved from Sask. Ave. to Morris in mid-June, 1886, & remains so thereafter.

READERS: The next 2 Moodie "years" will not be published until early Fall. So, until then . . .

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890

GLADSTONE

in the Early Ages

January
TO December **1887**



Peter Moodie, R.A.
(1838 - 1926)

Dear Mr. Galloway:

We are here to-night to represent a number of your friends and associates from the business men of the town, among whom you have long held so prominent and honorable a place.

On the eve of your departure, they desired a more formal and public recognition of your going, but kind consideration of your present physical condition, after so long and critical an illness, led them to forego their desire and to delegate us

A. Williams & T. J. Schroyer to convey to you

their good wishes and tokens of esteem.

You are one of a family of pioneers whose hearts and lives have been so closely knit by the early years of hardship and trial through which you passed together. Also through the later years of Gladstone's business history you have held a leading place and have had much to do with the proud position it now occupies in the field of personal business interests.

You have always given place to the wider duties of citizenship, and given freely of your time and talents to the town and country. Your many friends feel therefore, that they cannot let you depart without giving you

some assurance of their appreciation of your past services and comradery, and to wish you speedy recovery to your usual good health, with long years to enjoy it.

As a token of these good wishes and respect, you are asked to accept this gold headed cane. May it be a staff to your hand and a strength to your heart, as it brings to mind bygone days, former friends, and lasting friendships.

Very sincerely yours
A. Williams
Signed A. Williams
Gladstone, Man.
October 27th. 1920.



It is nice to have authentic records for histories such as this that spans so many years - even reminders of sadder things. We are indebted to Mrs. Leila Leck, of Mission, B.C., for sending in this scroll presented to her grandfather on his departure from Gladstone - 65 years ago.

Ripper and William Galloway came to Gladstone in 1881 and on Feb. 14th of that year opened their general store business that continued under their ownership until 1909, and under their name until May 30th, 1918, at which time the new owners, A. H. Collins & R. Diamond changed it to "Collins & Diamond."

The Galloways had three locations, each one larger than the last, until in Dec. 1902, when they moved into the "big" store that still stands as a monument to their enterprise, and their slogan "The Live Business House of the West."

A. G. Williams was mayor of the town in 1920, and Mr. Sloan Schooley, sec.-treas. This would indicate that the scroll was presented in a private ceremony after it was found out that Mr. and Mrs. Galloway were leaving for good, and that he was too ill to attend a more public gathering in their honor.

Mrs. Galloway died in Sept. 1922, and Mr. Galloway on Nov. 11th, 1924.

January

1887

FRI., JANUARY 7th, 1887:

Mr. A. Dunning and family leave Richmond tomorrow to go to Southern Manitoba.

We hear that a brother of Mr. Gould's from Nova Scotia has arrived on a visit to him.

Upwards of \$3,000 passed through Gladstone postoffice in money orders the last week of December.

We are pleased to announce that our obliging station agent is able to be around again after some ten days illness.

We had a call from Alderman R. T. Riley, of Winnipeg, lately. We congratulate Winnipeg on having elected him as one to look after their civic affairs, as he is a reliable business man.

We call attention to the lands for sale by the Manitoba Mortgage Company, in the first column. If the companies would all start in and advertise their lands for sale on reasonable terms, we have no doubt but that it would be a big benefit to all.

Rev. D. Stalker spent Xmas in New York with Dr. Ferrier, late of this place. Probably the year will be about a month old before he will be able to get this far.

Mr. Johnston, representing R. Logan & Co., Carberry, wheat buyers, came to town yesterday. He wants several car loads of wheat, for which he is willing to pay 60c for No. 1 hard, 56c for No. 2 and 56c for 1 Northern.

The cold is in tense with the season. These cool, keen, cutting northern winds makes a fellah feel as if he were full of needles and pins. Oh, for the orange blossoms, and where the whang-doodlums a-spirre under the gentle zephyr's blow.

Mr. D. Broadfoot is enjoying a rest among his friends. He intends resuming teaching at Austin again next month. We notice his brother Robert is with us again. He has had two or three years rubbing with the outside world, but it has not spoiled him, as he is still the same old "Bob."

Mr. W. Cory, who has been spending the holidays with his folks here, left Wed. for Wpg., where he is studying law in Messrs. Archibald, Howell, Hough & Campbell's office.

The children attending the English Church Sunday School

had an entertainment last Friday night.

There is a dearth of \$1 bills in town, consequently a difficulty in changing our four's, five's, ten's, twenty's, hundred's etc., etc. People getting remittances will please "ax" for \$ bills.

Pork, 4½ to 4¾, cash. Beef, 5½ by the side, cash. Eggs, 20 cents; butter 19 cents.

The first serious accident on our railway happened about a fortnight ago. One who had been employed last summer was on the boarding car along with his mates, having all quit for the season. He had gone to the door and in stepping from one car to the other missed his footing and fell. He was literally cut to pieces. These boarding cars are two story high, the sleeping berths upstairs we understand, and the cooking and meals indulged in on the first story.

These cars should have extra guards on them, as there can't be the same supervision on them as on the regular trains.

((Editorial)) . . .

Our legislators should be thinking of getting to work soon, as the eastern papers are very much concerned about the towns slipping from the sheriff's heavy hand by making themselves non est. — We in this part will need legislation in the matter of our railway debentures before we can come to any solid basis.

((Editorial)) . . .

We heard lately that an agent of one of the mortgage companies was among us gathering information in regards to their vacant lands. We think this is a step in the right direction. What their plans are we do not know, but better half a loaf than none. The province at large would be benefitted if they were opening part of their lands at govt. prices to actual settlers, when their adjacent ones would recoup them in a year or two by their enhanced value for their apparent first loss.

((Editorial)) . . .

From the amount of money that is passing through our post-office here it shows that our farmers are realizing something for their grain this year. It also shows the unfortunate effects of going into debt too rapidly. It will be years before the drain ceases. But if we have good crops, with a quiet, jog-a-long pace, after "many days" we will all be able to sit beside "the ingle neuk" and forget our trials in the victory over them being accomplished by steady, persistent jogging.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14th, 1887:

((Editorial)) . . .

Our railway debenture holders are determined that we should pay up. So are we. But while willing to do what is right, we would like others to be willing to do equally so. When we granted the bonus, the railway paid \$ an acre for their lands to the govt. This they have got reduced to 10c an acre. We should in equity get the like reduction from them on our debentures.

If the govt. is going to assume the bonuses which were given before the provincial ones were granted, as it is said they are, this should be taken into consideration.

There will likely soon be a flood of railway enterprise and the legislature should give them distinctly to understand that bonusing is to cease, as it is a hurt instead of an aid to settlement. If the company is not strong enough to build a line with the concessions they get from the govt., nor the anticipated territory through which it passes, able to sustain it, they will do well both to wait till they grow. Bonusing has been a hurt to Ontario. Our legislators should put their foot firm down now, while the province is young and being opened up to the railways. ((There can be little doubt but that Editor Moodie's editorials were read and heeded by other weeklies, if not by the city papers as well. It can be assumed also that he had few peers in the business. Once again we say that Gladstonians of that day didn't realize how very lucky they were)).

((Editorial)) . . .

The indebtedness of some of the towns in the province is causing quite a stir in the capitalist world. This idea of officials resigning offices to get rid of paying debts is received in their so-called high and mighty world with scathing condemnation. They argue it destroys credit, prevents enterprise and so creates uneasiness in commercial circles. True, all this is granted.

But there are two sides generally to any story. We have been foolish and been fooled. The boom times are not with us now, neither are prices; consequently the value is not there. In that case, where no fraud has been attempted, the capitalist has just to compromise with his debtor. No doubt, to an honourable man, this is distasteful. How would it do for the creditor to appraise the actual value of property now in the various towns as a basis on which to arrive at a settlement. This is but fair when we

come to look at the loss which the owners of properties in these indebted towns have sustained. Their lots and buildings are not worth the third now of what they were when acquired. This is loss to them and consequently a loss to their creditors.

We do not see how the legislature can come between the towns and their creditors, unless to pay their debts, which might (?) be generous, but not just. There's one thing they can do however, which is so to legislate for the future as to prevent towns or municipalities being slowed to fall back.

LOCALS

Parties are cautioned against cutting or hauling wood off the South half of 23.

Mr. Cory, our county clerk, has an office in town now. He will be found in Mr. Claxton's office from 10 to 16.

Wheat is coming in freely. Want of cars is the trouble. No. 1 hard, 58c; No. 1 Northern, 56c; No. 2, 52c.

Mr. Con. Bennett, Livingstone, had a party last Wed. evening. Quite a few from town were invited to it.

We hear the Presbyterians are busy practising to get up an AI entertainment in honor of Rev. D. Stalker when he returns. ("Rev." indeed is the word for the man. He was not only liked by all but "revered" by his congregation and close friends. He was here for 11 years (1881 to 1892) before going to Calumet, Mich., and some quotations recorded in the "Glory Years" indicates his stature as a minister and as a man, was fully recognized there also. It wasn't until recently that we learned that he had other family connections here besides his sister, Mrs. Peter Broadfoot. Mrs. McDiarmid, (later Mrs. Findlay), and mother of Dr. McDiarmid, doctor here some 75 years ago, was a sister; as was a Mrs. Campbell, here at the turn of the century.—And so, history unravels little by little).

The registry office is located in the house below Mr. Dean's, same side. Also the clerk's office, Westbourne municipality. Mr. Mason fills both offices. This for those who do not know where to go.

Water is getting scarce. Those who are good well diggers might have a show. We have no doubt that a well-borer would be well employed round here next summer, if he is anything reasonable in prices.

Dean's I.X.L. Hardware House has a car of Barb Wire coming through from Montreal. (See advertisement this week).

((Tacked to an itemized list of receipts and expenditures in the school's annual report, is the following: "Moved by Mr. Edwin Rose and Mr. Wm. McKelvy that the teacher's salary be \$400.00,

and that we advertise for a teacher,")).

Messrs. McGregor, of Manitou have been paying their sister, Mrs. J. A. Broadfoot, of Pales-tine, a visit.

We are informed that Mr. Ret-er Ferguson will be in Gladstone during the March term of County Court.

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: Would it not have been wise for the Grey Back, calling himself "The Bug," before he committed himself so badly, to have followed the sage advice of the late Josh Billings, when he observed that before a man makes up his mind 'to be a rascal he oughter examine himself closely to see if he ain't better konstituted fur a phool, he would then have spared himself a good deal of breath and also a good deal of useless ink-slinging, besides Shunia, which as the elections are over for the time, he can ill spare. Ho, Nichel Here's some poetry after your own heart:

And now ye Grey Back warning take,
Before your filthy slime you shake;
Around "The Bug" your venom slack,
Or by my word, your back we'll crack;
While from Sandy Bay you're on the bum.

Go earn your living, or go beg,
Or creep up your master's trouser leg;
And tickle him to make your fun
While from Sandy Bay you're on the bum.

You croak election trash & sich,
And into abler men you pitch;
Go easy, Grey Back, don't be sly,
Or an abler Bug your mettle try.
And start you running,
To Sandy Bay, where you've been bummung.

"Ureka".

FRI., JANUARY 21st, 1887:

of their cattle by a disease some-
think like black quarter. The
veterinary was up, having been
sent for.

Livingstone school children
must be suffering bad, either
from colds or the cold weather,
as we only saw 3 in it when we
dropped into it this week. But
the children are improving, it
was shown by their teacher, Mr.
Lowman, in writing, geography,
and especially mental arithmetic.

NOTICE

We beg to inform the debtors of Peter Ferguson (late of the Town of Gladstone) that all Notes, Accounts and Book Debts due said Ferguson, together with the Book of Accounts has been assigned to us to satisfy an old existing debt for money advanced by us to said Ferguson during the years of 1883 and 1884 and prior to his leaving Gladstone.

And we further beg to inform you that all Debts not settled by payment or short time notes on or before the 10th day of March next will be placed in the hands of our solicitors for collection in the March Term of Court.

W. S. BAILEY,
Assigner.

LOCALS

Notice the advt. in another column for tenders for Woodside bridge.

A teacher is wanted for Tupper School. See advt.

Mr. Rodgers, homestead inspec-tor, was around the latter part of last week.

Mr. Morton has entered a protest against Hon. C. P. Brown taking his seat as member for Westbourne.

Owing to a misunderstanding the literary did not meet last Wed. evening. Next week it will be in full blast.

Messrs. McGregor left for their home in Manitou, having sold their team to Mr. Kirkland up in Richmond.

Mr. Story, deputy sheriff, was in town last Monday. He did not look as if he had such a terrible scuffle as was reported with the Ritchie boys.

Williams and Esson have ship-ped 10 carloads of wheat; McQueen and Burpee, 18; and Johnston 5.

The 'next song will be a protest,' "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," or that wishes to gain a crown by ruling in the Manitoba legislature is now the dolorous cry of the unhappy protested ones. "We will see what we shall see," and be amused, horrified or angry at the ingenious ingenuousness of the unfortunate ones to save their 'Bacon' for our delectation.

We never had so little snow at this time of year. Snow birds even have failed to draw the beautiful down upon us this win-

ter, as their presence used to be a pretty sure index of a fall of the beautiful. If we had some sleighing it would make things hum more lively, as we hear that a saw mill would be started up. But Jack Frost is all alive and kicking vigorously at any exposed part.

Today is the last day for entering protests against most of the Norquayite members.

There is no doubt about the Dominion elections now. They take place on the 22nd of next month.

Mr. Budge is confined to the house through indisposition. He caught a cold the other Sunday, which developed into erysipelas, causing swelling in his neck and head. He has had a very severe attack, though we are happy to say he is on the mend. It will likely be a week or two before he is able to get out again, as cold winds are hard on any one who have had erysipelas or rose in the face.

There is a fine piece of grading on the road down from the school to the river between the Messrs. Ferguson and Morton. If it was just carried a little further down it would make a splendid road through what used to be an impassable marsh. The bridge at the river needs these snow boards nailed on so as to brace up the guards a little better. They were taken off to aid in hauling and engine & threshing machine over, as the bridge wasn't thought strong enough in some places. ((This article may have been put in by John Moodie as we believe his homestead was just north and east of what used to be called "Paige's bridge," 2 m. west & 2 m. south of town. If Mr. Moodie was still living he might be surprised to learn that the piece of low land he refers to as "marsh" has been little altered over the years, except by being made passable by higher grades. The big stough that partially encircled Livingstone school is still there, with water enough to entice ducks all through the summer months. — Also this is a good time to clear things regarding the above-mentioned Ferguson. In the real early pioneer days four Fergusons had land in the 4 sections immediately south and west of town. Three were brothers of Mrs. Jas. Broadfoot, Peter, Donald and John who had land south along the river. The other "John" Ferguson came a year or two later and took up land a mile further west of Donald, but no relation. This "John" was reeve, and died shortly after in 1904. His widow, son Crief, and daughter Maggie, sold out to Hammel about 1911 and moved into town, each passing on in their own time. The farm is still in the Hammel name. — And of course there was still another "Ferguson" in these parts then, Wm. Ferguson, a pioneer of 1871 who homesteaded on the river 7 miles west, the grandfather of

Lawrence and Jim who reside there now)).

We are requested to say by the lessees of the grist mill that they have not shut down, as they are hauling water from the river, which they expect will hold out for two months, thus tiding them over the worst time.

Tax sales are becoming handy to mortgage companies as a cheaper way of acquiring titles to their lands. People are accordingly looking more concerned on account of the bigger deficit they have to make up. We heard a party say that the Manitoba Mortgage & Investment Co. were gentlemen.

RICHMOND

An open grange meeting was held here a week ago last Friday. The ladies provided a splendid supper, which was heartily enjoyed. Readings, recitations, singing, etc., filled in the hours pleasantly till midnight when it broke up. The installation of officers took place, Mr. Rodgers being master of the grange.

John Copeland, son of Mr. Wm. Copeland, of Tupper, is very ill with bronchitis.

Times must be getting good around here, as there are quite a lot of new fur coats being displayed.

INKSTER.

FRI., JANUARY 28th, 1887:

((Editorial)) . . .

Brag and bluster are largely indulged in against Britain by our Yankee Senatorial cousins on account of the fisheries imbroglio. Give the Yanks the whole earth and then they would be wanting to control the sun. ((An observation that would do for today also)).

LOCALS

Those wanting books out of the library can get them at Dean's store every Tues. evening from

February

1887

FRI., FEBRUARY 4th, 1887:

DEATH

At Gladstone, of consumption, on the 20th ult., Marion Kerr, wife of Mr. Frank Blackmore, aged 29 years, 9 months and 9 days.

LOCALS

Messrs. Claxton's and Best's

ponies were even lately on the Wellwood trail.

Literary Wednesday first, above Mr. Williscroft's work shop.

Wheat still coming in. Still ranging in the fifties, according to quality.

Sheriff Setter is Returning Officer in Marquette for the Dominion elections; Mr. Logie is his deputy here.

An overshoe picked up in Mrs.

McAchaney's field, Palestine twp last Mon. was left at this office. As it is a felt one, good for these cold times, the owner is requested to bring the other to this office, as two is better than one any day. If this idea don't "suit," the owner can have it after ocular demonstration, that the feet show a "felt want."

The little snow we had lately is making things some more lively. The bridge to the mill is going to cause as usual a little trouble to teams on account of the slight rise and the difficulty of oxen keeping their feet. "Double and quits" holds good when you come to it, as it saves a lot of "anxiety" both to man and beast, as also some heated alternatives now and again.

Trains on our line have not been bothered with snow, though it takes a powerful head of steam to keep the "grip" these frosty days.

We see from the Minnedosa Tribune that their school board is collecting taxes by levying.

We hear that Rev. D. Stalker will be here in about a fortnight.

We hear that Mr. T. Hembroff has bought the building which was used as a land office. He intends hauling it down to the quarter section adjoining Leitch's old farm in the spring, which he has also bought and which he intends breaking on this summer. This is a start made to break up the "old fallow" ground. Let the individuals or companies who own land around here just sell on easy terms to good men. It will pay them, as it will enhance the value of their remaining vacant property. Those who buy now can stay, as the western fever is mostly abated. ((From two sources comes the location of the "land office building," the late Mr. A. G. Williams (our informant for the early days, back in the 1940s), and the map on page 2 of Chapter '02 of the "Glory Years." Evidently it occupied the same lots as those used 10 years later by Wm. Williams for his large house which he used until 1912 when the father of the late Bruce MacKenzie purchased it. It continued in the MacKenzie family until Bruce built his more modern dwelling on the Crescent; since which time it has given good service as a home for "the retarded." — The "land office building" later became the Thos. George house, 2 miles south and 1 mile west of town, or so Mr. Williams had it figured. It's now gone)).

Homesteaders applying for patents are advised that according to the land regulations, on and after Feb. 1, 1887, every person who has obtained a homestead entry, and who purposed to apply for a patent for such homestead, shall give six months notice in writing to the commissioner of Dominion lands, Winnipeg, of his intentions to make such application, and shall produce

evidence to the officer who is authorized to receive the application that such notice has been duly given.—Minnedosa Tribune.

Deer are very plentiful this winter. One of our settlers hunted after one the best of a day in the sandhills expecting to get her "to chaw" her up. He went home disappointed. "Other ideas" are inherent in the dear tribe.

Last Friday afternoon we had a taste of what Manitoba can do when it means it. It started to blow from the west in real blizzard-like fashion, whirling the snow into fantastic heaps and kicking up the white stuff generally. But the wind was the special object of attention. Talk about the north wind being keen and cutting when on a tear, but it wasn't a patch to the west wind which started this & kept it up till Sunday, when it drew around to the north, quieting down towards night. Saturday is allowed to be the coldest day we have had yet. It may not have shown the greatest degree of frost, but its icy breath was too much to feel limp under long.

We noticed a new "wrinkle" in the lamp line in Mr. Dean's store. A turn of the wrist as if you were screwing the lamp on, after you had filled it with oil, gives a perfect halo of light.

((Editorial)) . . .

One very good reason why our legislature should meet early is to see if they cannot prepare some scheme to aid the various towns and municipalities which feel themselves straightened. Capitalists require to have confidence in us. Spring will soon be here bringing emigrants who will rather take up improved or abandoned places in the midst of schools and churches, if they can get them anyway reasonable and the district not too heavily taxed, rather than go beyond the pale of civilization to take up homesteads.

FRI., FEBRUARY 11th, 1887:

NOTICE
SCHOOL TAXES must be paid before the 30th of February, or collection will be enforced.

LOCALS

Last Friday there was an examination of the Gladstone school.

Mr. Gallagher was up this wk. from Winnipeg, hunting up more cattle.

The timber inspector has been around looking after the "dead wood."

Palestine singing class in the schoolhouse tomorrow evening at seven.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. John Kerr, of Golden Stream, is very sick.

Mr. D. Broadfoot left last wk. for the States, intending to try his teaching profession there.

Miss Bella Thomson, of Agincourt, Ont., is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Haydn, our station master's mistress.

In Palestine, Mr. D. McAskill was elected trustee in the place of Mr. D. Kerr, the retiring one.

The trustees of Gladstone school have engaged the services of Mr. Dugald Stevenson, from Minnedosa.

It is expected that the mill will have to shut down soon on account of want of water.

We were told that Bogey Creek, west of McGregor, is open with lots of water.

Mr. Newcombe had a dance in Andrews' Hall last night. About 70 were invited.

We are reliably informed that the late Mrs. Mary Ann Kerr or Blackmore, whose death was recorded last week, was not caused by consumption, but from the effects of an accident which she received while in Dakota.

Sledding is better now, though it may not be for long; therefore make the best of it. Wheat still coming in. 5c is paid for No. 1 hard. 40 cars have been shipped from here for which hard cash has been received. A year or two of such going should enable our farmers to get their footing a little better.

Rev. D. Stalker will preach (D.V.) in Gladstone on Sunday, March 6th.

The debate in the McGregor debating society on Friday, Feb. 4th, "Resolved that winter life in Manitoba is more enjoyable than summer life," was argued well on both sides after a lively discussion. Decision was given in favor of the negative. Readings were given by J. Duff and T. Milne. Subject of tonight, "Resolved that explorations have been of more benefit to man than inventions." Affirm., Jos. Riddell Negative, Robt. Riddell. Readings by J. Duff and T. Milne.

Mr. E. E. Best resigned the Gladstone school. A third of his salary's reduction was too much of a tumble at once. We are sorry that times compel such low salaries to be paid. As Mr. Best has been five years "going in and out" among us, we feel as if a part of ourselves had received a "wrench" when we come to realize the every day fact that he will have to bid us adieu soon, if he means to pursue his noble calling. ((Back in the early '30s, when Principal Chas. Morris, was here, he had the "Happy Rock Literary Society" write to ex-students, teachers, etc., for data on early school days here. Mr. Best was one of those who replied and his letter found a place in the 1943-44 School Year Book, the Editor-in-Chief being Jack MacKenzie, now of Regina. And, as an historical note, that Year

Book was the first one put out by the Gladstone School in 30 years, the previous one being 1913. And both are still around.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

This meeting was held Monday forenoon in the schoolhouse, the Messrs. Moodie and Dean being chairman and secretary.

The ratepayers were out in much stronger force than usual.

The minutes of former meeting were stated by the sec-treas., & passed.

He then read the auditor's report for the year, which had been published before. It was adopted.

To fill Mr. W. McKelvy's place, the retiring trustee, he, along with Messrs. P. Broadfoot, Dean, J. Broadfoot and Madill were moved and seconded. The two first mentioned begged to withdraw, which was granted. After a second vote for the remaining three, Mr. Madill was elected.

Messrs. P. Broadfoot and A. Williams were appointed auditors.

Mr. Best then made a request that the balance of his salary should be paid him at once.

This brought out a few remarks from several, which finally ended in the following motion by Messrs. Dean & McKelvy, that the trustees be instructed to pay the teacher by borrowing or otherwise during the month of February; which was carried.

This led to more discussion in regard to those who had not paid their school tax.

Messrs. Andrews and Broadfoot: that taxes must be paid before the 20th of February, or collection will be enforced; and that one notice be put in the "Age" to that effect.

This "notice" idea, not being favorably received by some, but insisted on by the mover, who said he would even go the length of borrowing the money to pay it himself, as it would not take the ratepayers so much by surprise. The chairman ended the debate by saying it would not cost them anything.

Mr. Best asked what they were going to do about the \$25 which he had coming for acting as sec-treas. during the past year. He held he was entitled to it, as other places of the like size paid as much.

Mr. E. Rose, as one of the trustees, said that no arrangement was made to pay him for his services, other than his teaching salary. The auditors accordingly could not allow it.

The meeting thought that as there was no written agreement, and also that he had acted the year before without salary, that being the condition when the salary wasn't reduced, that it held good this time also.

From a question asked by a ratepayer, Mr. Logie, trustee, said that they had secured a teacher for \$400. He also said that it was impossible for them to pay as much as they had been doing, therefore they had come down to \$400.

Mr. P. Broadfoot made some remarks about the business of the salary, as he considered it was against the school to dispense with the services of the present teacher. Several other ratepayers made remarks on the same strain.

Mr. Best showed the ratepayers on the blackboard that, according to the assessment rate, they had only saved to each of them 77c by reducing the salary \$200. But, however, he had no ill will to them, and wished them well.

This being all the business, the meeting dispersed.

NOTICE

You can get the various grades of FLOUR: Patent, Prairie Rose, Strong Bakers and XXXX, also BRAN and SHORTS; all manufactured by the Assiniboine Mills, Portage la Prairie, at the Grain Warehouse, near the M. & N.W. station, at lowest prices in exchange for GRAIN or for CASH.

FRI., FEBRUARY 18th, 1887:

Mr. Geo. McCrae, of Palestine, has bought a chopper.

We see Mr. Williscroft is able to be around again.

Mr. Mellon, late of the Portage, is here. He intends to act as a veterinarian.

We had a call the other day from Mr. R. B. Riley, of Westbourne, a brother Alderman Riley, of Winnipeg.

The old trustees of Living-stone school were re-elected. The school is open all the year, the teacher getting \$35 a month.

The bull which Messrs. Gallo-way brought from the Big Plains is said to be a regular beauty. They intend letting it run with their cattle at Grassy River during the summer.

We had a real live blizzard this week. It started very early on Sunday morning, keeping it up till about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, when it suddenly died for want of breath. It wasn't very cold, but it made the roads kin' of heavy for a day or so.

Some of our Sandy Bay choppers came back last Sat. It was a big walk - a distance of about 100 miles. One of them had the soles of his feet slightly frozen. The "Ebb and Flow" may keep on doing so for many a day before they think of ebbing to its flow.

Mr. Newcombe's dance last Thursday night broke up about

five in the morning. The invited did not so readily respond as last year, consequently it gave the nice company who were there all the greater chance to enjoy themselves in using their feet to their heart's content. A splendid supper was served at 12 o'clock.

The late Mrs. John Kerr's illness did not last long. She died last Saturday and was buried on Monday. It is supposed she got a fresh cold on the day of the funeral of her husband's sister, which was not thought serious, the symptoms not showing themselves soon enough to get a doctor in time to check them, people having to go to Neepawa or the Portage in search of one. The husband, who is left with five little ones, the youngest a mere babe, have the heartfelt sympathy of all in his great loss, we are very sure, for he is liked by all for his geniality. A doctor is very much needed in our midst, as in such a case perhaps a useful life might have been saved if only one had been within an hour or two's call.

What is the matter with the mill at Westbourne? There is no sound of the whistle to call the white men to keep the stones a-burring. Alas and alack! Some of its interior mechanism lies rusting to death, instead of working to death, on the cars, while other parts are lying disjointed, dismembered around the framework, waiting patiently, Micawber-like till some one with the ready puts them into the groove for which they were fitted, so as to enable them to be a factor in the march of progress. — A wall from the city which is soon to become the head of navigation on Lake Manitoba. Those who read years ago the vivid picture which a Brillante gave of Totogan and its capabilities, may yet live to see it realized at Westbourne, instead of Totogan, as its ultimate thule.

The mill has shut down for want of water.

We are glad to see Mr. Budge out again.

Mr. Burpee will sell Portage XXXX flour for \$1.85; Prairie Rose or Strong Baker's for \$2.25. Bran or shorts \$11.00 a ton.

The Gladstone Literary held its third meeting in their rooms last Wed. evening. The Rev. Wm. Kinley occupied the chair and opened the meeting with an address. The programme was gone thro' with lively earnestness. The debate on the fish question was also well represented, but was not decided owing to the difficult question. — The programme for next Wed. evening will be as follows: Speech, chairman; Reading, G. M. Clubb; Violin Solo (by request), John Sharp; Recitation, John M. Rose; Dialogue, Messrs. Dean, Clubb and Broadfoot; Recitation, E. E. Best; Reading, "Charge of the Light Brigade," A. Mercier.

George M. Clubb, Librarian.

FRI., FEBRUARY 25th, 1887:

We desire to thank the subscribers who have thoughtfully considered that we need a dollar or two now and again. We wish those who are still in arrears would come and do likewise. Every little makes a muckle. While the payee does not feel the little very much, the many littles make up the big which keeps the "Age" echoing the beats of time. Its pulse may be faint, but it just needs the spondoolacs to doctor it and give its piston a steady persistent bumping stroke.

LOCALS

Mr. Waters had a yearling killed by Tuesday's up train.

Two were made one in Silver Stream today.

Voting by certificate was carried on in this riding for the Dominion election. This should be seen to because it is not legal.

Mr. A. Mooney, late of Squirrel Creek, now beyond Brandon, was visiting here this week.

Mr. Mason is appointed assessor for the school at a salary of \$20, while Mr. Dean is made sec-treas. at \$30.

Tuesday, election day, was very quiet. None but the agents appeared to be on the move. The ballot does away with a lot of useless excitement.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Clubb is very poorly. Her eldest son, George, cut his knee while chopping in the bush on Monday. He is able to go to school however.

Tuesday night up to 12 o'clock saw the waiting room at the station filled with an eager crowd anxiously awaiting the returns.

Rev. D. Stalker will be here the 4th of March, preaching on the 6th, it is said. The concert will likely be held the same week.

The Gladstone Library Society did not hold a meeting on Wed. evening owing to the rash of elections, but will hold a meeting next Wed. in the library rooms and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. ((Note that the "Literary Society" has been changed to "Library," and this goes back several issues. Their meeting place is evidently above Mr. Williscroft's workshop)).

We hear that Mr. McGill who bought the Hockin place some years ago, has re-sold it to a farmer in Ontario who is coming out in the spring to commence operations.

Hon. C. P. Brown came to town the latter part of last week. He stopped around for a few days looking after the interests of his brother Conservative, Mr. Boulton.

The elections are over and Sir John A. has been returned for another term.

General-Superintendent Baker passed west yesterday, accompanied by his lady, in his official new and splendid-looking car.

Presbyterian service will be held at Woodside, Sunday, 27th, inst., at 6:30 p.m.

In the drawing for the Weekly Free Press prizes one of our settlers here got a ladies' gold watch. This was all that came our way. For "The Manitoban" prizes a lady got a suit of clothes. That settles man's stated supremacy.

Our railway is increasing. Another two engines have arrived. By the time it reaches Prince Albert it will be in a position to make a way for itself to the "Peaceful Ocean." With disallowance knocked on the head this original Pacific line will be a powerful competitor to the C. P. R. in a few years, as the direction from whence it will get its freight will likely be densely settled.

Messrs. Glenn have bought the old Queen's Hotel from Mr. Geo.

McCrae. They are taking it down and removing it to their own place. The sooner it is away the better. We hope it will give place to something better.

Farmers who left us when the floods were overwhelming are coming back to us again. Of the two evils, too much water is preferable to too little, even allowing it's just "lippin'." But we do not think there is much danger of overflows now, as our drains are able to rid us of any unusual supply. In fact some think we have done too much in that line already, as it has been a hard job for some this winter to keep their cattle supplied with water.

A kyuse got high the day of election and kicked the cutter into kindling wood when conveying a party to vote for Major Boulton. Our informant said he did not wonder a bit at the native kicking the vehicle from under the bipeds behind him seeing that the driver hadn't a vote and the others were turnovers and not true blues. This shows that even animals like a square deal, otherwise his native simplicity inclines him to protest in his own forcible style of reasoning.

March

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FRI., MARCH 4th, 1887:

Notice the auction advt. for covering Dead Lake bridge.

Minnedosa has been visited by fire. Loss over \$10,000.

Wheat is going down as all the storehouses are said to be full.

The "squirrel brigade" is expected to be on hand at 10 o'clock sharp next Sunday. We only mention the time as the place is well known to the members; also it might bring non-members, which would take away all the exhilarating enjoyment which a squirrel hunt brings to the initiated, even though it is only on a Sunday. Squirrel tail soup will now be in order.

Remember the Presbyterian tea meeting & concert in the church on Thursday, the 10th, as a welcome to Rev. Stalker. The choir, which has been practising for some time back, will likely give harmony in song while the black-coated gentlemen will second them in a lower key of speech. We do not need to say what the ladies will do in catering for the palate. They are well able to win all in their efforts in that direction.

The Gladstone Literary & Library Society held a meeting in their rooms last Wed. evening. Mr. Geo. Hyndman was elected president for the season. ((It is good to see the full new title given in this issue)).

Mr. C. Fahrni is sending up his thoroughbred bull "Arabi" to Mr. McKenzie's ranch at Grassy River.

The old Queen's Hotel was brought down with a crash last Monday. The amount of nails in the building was a caution. It has had a chequered history. Years before incorporation it was the den of the "printer's devil," who from its recesses mixed brains and ink together so as to mould public opinion. Afterwards it was turned into a tavern from which a real, live, unfortunate "devil" often reeled. We suppose the money wasted within its walls in drink alone would have papered it from top to bottom with \$5 bills. But it has seen its day, and now it descends still further as a shelter for cattle for a few years before being finally burnt up. How many remorseful fires did it set a-going while in the drink traffic?

The Neepawa Register says that the rumor of the withdrawal of the protest against Mr. J. Crawford's election on condition

that that against Hon. C. P. Brown's return be abandoned, is not so.

The Rev. C. R. Littler will hold service at Tupper schoolhouse on Sunday, March 13th, instead of March 27th.

Palestine Township started a debating society last Sat. night in the schoolhouse. On account of the stormy day drifting the road it was thought hardly necessary to hold singing class. But, however, some came and to while away the time started a debate on Agriculture and Manufacture; Mr. Geo. Grantham and another taking opposite sides. Last night (Thursday) the next debate on "Whether the horse or the ox is the most useful," was debated.

GALLOWAY'S SPECIAL NOTICE

I beg to Notify my Customers and the Public generally that on and after the 15th day of March I purpose conducting my business on a

STRICTLY CASH BASIS

and that no Credit will be given after that date.

I am compelled to adopt this course in order to keep abreast of the times, so as to give those who PAY CASH value for their money.

MY SPRING STOCK

I expect to have opened by the above date. The assortment will be found the largest and best I have ever offered.

Customers who have had ACCOUNTS with me will please note this change, as I will

Positively Refuse To Give
Any More Credit

Your inspection of my Spring Stock and Cash Prices cordially invited.

WILLIAM GALLOWAY

P.S.—All open accounts must be settled by note, or otherwise, at once.—Wm. G.

(Re the above: Readers may have noticed that back in June two important notices appeared regarding the Galloway store. In the June 18th issue, 1886, they moved to the old Ferguson store building on Morris, and then a week later, there is a notice to the public of a "Dissolution of Partnership." This we noted, but assumed that it was a legal way of changing from "R. Galloway & Bro." to "Galloway Bros." But no! According to the advertising, Wm. Galloway was on his own. The above, from a quarter-page display adt. featuring so many "I's" and "My's" is fairly con-

clusive proof that for a time at least anyway, "Galloway Bros." went through some change, which hear-say history failed to record. And also not a word about this "change" from the ever-vigilant editor of the "Age." It is, indeed, a puzzle).

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th, 1887:

(Editorial) . . .

There is a rumor that the Grand Trunk has bought this line. Is this a monopoly feeler? It would be a huge joke if the two trunk lines of Canada were to be rivals for the Pacific trade. The Grand Trunk has been distanced by her younger rival, but from her power in the old country, she may have compelled the C.P.R. to open her hand and so give her an inlet, when she would soon find an outlet, and also a rival line to the Occident.

LOCALES

Hon. C. P. Brown and Mr. Aikens, Q.C., were in town last week. The former presided at the lecture which the latter delivered in Andrews Hall on behalf of the Methodist church.

The Salvation Army is storming Neepawa and Minnedosa. Hope they will do them good. We hope they are not too late in their labor of love. Sock it to 'em, as they will need soaking overnight before they can become limp.

Rev. — Wooley, late of England, now of Minnedosa, held special revival service here in the fore part of the week in the Methodist church. We understand the Methodists of Golden Stream are also doing likewise.

The Presbyterian church was filled last Sunday to see and hear Rev. D. Stalker preach his first sermon after his long vacation. The rev. gentleman looks the better of his "outing." After the service he had to stand a general siege of the people congratulating him on his safe arrival in their midst once more.

Good sleighing now. Now is the time to get your girls to help hold the lines in case the team runs away.

Gladstone's school teacher goes to the normal in Wpg. Saturday, Mrs. Best filling his place here in his absence.

Farmers from the Big Plain are buying all our surplus hay. \$4 a load has been paid. We heard that \$7 was offered. Rumor has it that some are making a business of it and selling it in Carberry at \$15 a load. "Hay is hay," as the farmers say.

Mr. C. Fahrni has pedigrees for the three following thoroughbreds, viz., one bull, "Arabi"; a three-year-old heifer "Pride of Oakland," and her calf, "Pride of Prospect." — Mr. Fahrni has

also a carload of cattle undergoing fattening for the spring market. A "mountain of beef" will be a reality then, as also a pile of bank notes when they are handed over to the man who wields the pole axe.

RICHMOND

Editor, Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: Mr. Mawhinney, of the Massey Manufacturing Co., met a number of the members of Union Grange on Wed., the 21st at Mr. Geo. F. Rodgers, who placed their orders very satisfactorily with him for five Toronto steel binders, a quantity of other machinery and about 1,000 lbs. of binder twine. "Union is Strength." Farmers unite and you can buy the best and cheapest in the market.

Richmond, Feb. 7. Granger.

(Ed.—The above was meant for last week's paper, but was too late, as we had gone to press before receiving it.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, 1887:

Hon. C. P. Brown has resigned his position as Provincial Sec.

The Presbyterian manse is getting an overhauling preparatory to the pastor moving into it.

The choppers from the other side of the lake arrived in Gladstone Sunday night.

Remember the meeting in Andrews' Hall at 4 o'clock tomorrow in connection with the proposed cheese factory.

We have to hand Henderson's Pocket Gazetteer and Time Table for March. This is a handy little book for travellers.

We hear that Palestine is trying to start a grange. They intend holding a meeting some time during next week to organize.

W. E. Sanford, Esq., of Hamilton, Ont., has been made a senator by Sir John A. Macdonald. This is the gentleman who is so largely interested in our marsh lands. Therefore, he seems to be one of us. Accordingly we can congratulate him on his promotion, only hoping that he will occupy his position for honor's sake.

PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL

The Presbyterians gave an ovation to their minister, Rev. D. Stalker, last week in the church. It was crowded, about 200 being present. Members from the outside stations were in force and also numbers of the different denominations. Altogether the Presbyterians are to be congratulated on having drawn such a full house. The proceeds footed up to

over \$46.

The Tea was just A1 & accordingly received unstinted attention.

After all had been "cheered with the contents of the cup" and satisfied with its toothsome accompaniments, the chairman, Rev. — Smith, rose and called upon the choir to give its opening chorus of "Welcome Home" which they did in voice and manner with charming grace.

Mr. Dean was then called upon by the chairman to read the address of welcome which had been prepared by the committee to their worthy pastor. The following is the address:

Gladstone, Mar. 10, '87.
To The Rev. D. Stalker, B.A.,
Pastor of Gladstone
Presbyterian Church.

Rev. and Dear Sir: On behalf of the congregation we tender you and Miss Stalker our hearty congratulations upon your safe return amongst us after your prolonged absence.

We sincerely hope that your health has been fully restored so as to enable you to again resume your labours amongst us in the Master's work.

During your journeys thro' the British Isles and the Continent our thoughts and good wishes followed you always, and we were ever pleased to hear read your many descriptive accounts of your travels from time to time received.

We acknowledge our deepest gratitude to you for your efforts put forth in collecting funds for the purpose of liquidating the debt, which efforts have been crowned with such success beyond our most supreme expectations, efforts which we feel sure must have cost, on your part, a vast amount of patience, labor and indefatigable energy.

It is, sir, our earnest wish that the future, with God's blessing, may show a hearty response from the congregation for the maintenance of the gospel in this place.

Our hearty thanks are due your co-workers of the Brandon presbytery who so cheerfully came to our assistance in supplying the pulpit during your absence, and also for their having procured the services of the Rev. Mr. Smith and Mr. McLeod, who laboured amongst us with zeal for our spiritual welfare and who entered so fully into the work of the church.

We earnestly pray that you may be long spared to go out and amongst us, and that by your counsels, and the blessings of God you may be able to build up the hearts of us all to the glorifying of his holy name. — Yours truly, on behalf of the congregation, H. C. Dean, sec-treas.

Rev. D. Stalker said it gave him pleasure to listen to such sentiments expressed in such kindly words. He was glad to hear that they had kept track of him in his wanderings. He could assure them that he had thoughts of them thro' the silent watches of the night; and also presented them at the throne of grace always. He desired to thank the choir for their song of welcome. He felt that he was at home again. He was glad to hear that his fellow ministers had supplied them with the means of grace so readily. He was also pleased with the young man who had preached to them during the summer. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Smith for his services during the past five months. He had had a rough passage across the mighty deep, but had come into peaceful waters now. He hoped that harmony would prevail. He intended to do his duty, fearless of any consequences. He expected them to do theirs. ((It was intended to reprint the "welcome home" account in its entirety, but found the type on the over-page too dim to read. Too bad, for there is twice as much as is contained here, as the happy congregation showed its appreciation to their beloved pastor after his long absence of a year or more)).

FRI., MARCH 25th, 1887:

The railway company is deepening their well at the station.

The cheese factory meeting wasn't held last Saturday.

Trying to rain now and again! For such a long interval it feels kin' o' hard to get the proper consistency.

The Ritchie's case came off last week. They got clear, but it would have been well for them if they had never allowed themselves to be mixed up in such a business, as their expenses will amount to something.

Our Sandy Bay friends are fast becoming alive to the fact that they can be like "white men" in having a drink if they like.

This is one of necessary evils of civilization.

Rev. C. R. Littler arrived today from St. John's College, where he had been for over a week finishing up so as to secure his degree of B.A. The Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham, who is to preach here Sunday, accompanied him.

One of the jurymen, Mr. Foster, arrived home Sat. night about 11 p.m., having walked the 35 m. from Portage on the track. He preferred using his power instead of staying with it there. ((When we read this item to A. G. Williams some 40 years ago he smiled and said, "he wanted to be home for his wife's birthday." Mrs. Williams was one of the Foster girls. A sister married "A.G.'s" brother, "Billy").).

The Revere House has been re-opened this week with Mr. Jas. McCrae in the bar, while Mr. Peter Cameron attends to the dining arrangements.

Mr. Andrews has a fine collection of hens. He has quite a number of Plymouth Rocks in a place by themselves. If only their laying powers are in keeping with their fine points they should be profitable to their owner. "Bonnie fowl are weel buskit" can be more readily understood when looking at them.

We acknowledge with thanks from Mr. Chamberlain, Queen's Printer for Canada, Ottawa, two volumes of the revised Statutes of Canada, 1886. Once we get their contents inside of our skull we are afraid it will be apt to be "tight" with legal lore.

Mr. Burpee wishes those who have wheat to dispose of would bring it in next week, as after that he will only be able to attend at the station one day in the week on account of preparing for seeding.

On March 27th there will be both morning and evening services in Andrews' Hall. In the morning there will be a celebration of holy communion. The Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham, bishop-designate of Saskatchewan, will preach.

April

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FRI., APRIL 1st, 1887:

Mr. Newcombe has bought Mr. John Duncan's house and lot. ((This is probably the same building as is standing on Cameron St. (the north half of lots 21 & 22, blk. 72), as the New-

comes were there at the time of the big wind and hailstorm in July, 1883. Mrs. Newcombe was so frightened by the experience that she demanded shutters be made and put on the windows—but they have long since gone)).

Mr. E. E. Best, our late teacher here, went to Winnipeg last week. We wish him every suc-

ess. ((We believe Mr. Best did do well too. After serving as a school inspector for a time he became librarian at the legislative building, and was there we believe, up to the late 1930s)).

Mr. Arnold Williams is prepared to take in grist now, and will start up whenever the water runs. He is giving the mill a good overhauling and putting in some new machinery. He has also engaged a first-class miller.

Mr. Shore, has moved his building, our lock-up (as we are too peaceable folks to need it) down to his homestead at Woodside, this week. Mr. J. Sharp and friend went to Minnedosa to secure their homesteads also, which they entered for months ago. Some Scotch emigrants are expected out next month. If they can get land at Woodside they will likely locate there also. The house was raised, two sleighs put under, when four horse teams were hitched on, who took it down to Woodside, a distance of 10 miles without much bother.

NOTICE

Tenders are hereby solicited for the erection of a Church for the Church of England, Parish of All Saints, Gladstone.

Plans and specifications to be seen on application at the Parsonage.

Charles R. Littler,
Incumbent.

((A picture in the 1942 Supplement to the "Glory Years" depicts this building as it was being moved 73 years later to extend its term of usefulness to the community as an important part of the business section of town)).

Mr. T. Hembroff shifted the old land office building down to his farm this week, about a mile from town, which he bought some time ago. It was a big job, as it was a big house and no snow on the road till the outskirts of town were reached, when it went bumping along in the rear of 15 ox teams. It was set down in its new location the day after on account of sticking in a ditch, from which it had to be "jacked" up, so causing it to do something useful, viz., to keep those warm while they were trying to raise the murphies, more power to their elbows. ((This was commented on at the time of purchase. However from our own notes made when talking to Mr. Williams (many years ago) the following may be added: "Mr. Ptolemy built it on the lot where Bruce MacKenzie now lives. Now T. George's house, P. T. Ptolemy was Brown's bookkeeper." — And herein may lie a further insight into the operation methods of C. P. Brown. In 1873 he opened the settlement's first general store (on Morris across from the present hotel) and in 1874 was elected M.P.P. In this new capacity he would be able to have the land office building constructed, and

to have his bookkeeper live there and attend to its business. Whatever his good qualities were, he was a schemer, and worked both sides of every street).

Messrs. John and Alexander Duncan, with their wives, of Austin, were on a visit last week to their old friends around here.

Gentlemen: For a nice felt hat, latest style, try Galloway's.

Splendid value in ducks, denims and cottonades at Galloway's.

Grit contending with Grip was exemplified last Tuesday. A boy and girl, a pair of ponies attached to a sleigh-load of hay, with the runners on bare ground; finally by grittiness, aided by a little ingenuity, compelled Grip to quit her hold, enabling Grit to get there in triumph.

Galloway's Cash System a grand success! Everybody pleased with my low prices. You can always depend on getting the highest market prices for butter and eggs at Galloway's.

Palestine school starts on Monday, April 4th.

We notice from the Free Press that Mr. R. J. Ptolemy has been appointed municipal commissioner.

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Farmers are wishing the beautiful to "get up and get" and not to stand upon the order of going, but "run" at once. If the weather keeps as favorable, farmers will be able to make a start around here some time next month.

Mason's concert on Friday, April 15th. Tickets, 25c.

Frosty feathers on trees and grass, and crystals glistening under the rising sun yesterday morning.—"Diamond Ball."

Cash tells! 12-lbs. of granulated sugar for \$1; and 15-lbs. of light brown sugar for \$1 — at Galloway's.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, 1887:

Mr. G. Bruce thanks all who in any way helped him find his lost pony.

Good Friday today! Cross your buns with a hot iron.

Singer Sewing Machine man was in town this week looking up stitches.

Travelling is increasing already on our line, as the restaurant at the station knows to its profit.

The water in the river is just trying to form "dubs" so as to feel its way to "touch and go" again after its long sleep.

BIRTH

At Palestine, on the 6th, inst., the wife of Hugh Mustard, of a daughter.

Mr. McAlpine hauled Mr. Wilson's old stable this week to do duty on his own place.

Galloway's cattle went out last week to their summer grazing at Grassy River.

Mr. S. T. Wilson, of Palestine, was harrowing his breaking with two teams last Saturday.

Last week the citizens of this place held a meeting to adopt measures to secure our share of immigrants who are arriving. An immigration committee was formed at the office of Mr. T. Cory, county clerk. Mr. D. J. McQueen was appointed chairman, while T. L. Morton was made secretary. Committee consists of chairman, secretary, T. Cory, P. Broadfoot, D. Budge, J. Andrews, with power to add to their numbers. The secretary was requested to correspond with Mr. A. F. Eden, land commissioner, M. & N. W. Rly., on the matter.

A large assortment of checked cotton shirtings, from 10c upwards, at Galloway's.

Cattle and men can both enjoy the winter break in their own peculiar ways, seeing there are no more long drives in search of water now. From the experience of this last winter, farmers, if able at all, should try and dig deeper wells this summer. If they don't strike a spring, they would be able to hold more surface water anyhow.

Mr. Sharp had a house-raising last Monday on his homestead at Woodside.

And now the sidewalks begin to feel kin' o' home-like, either to thaw out under the returning warmth of Old Sol, or Archimedes-like try "to pry" up the world to our mode of thinking. Eh?

A company has been formed, to be called the Manitoba Oil Company, and notice has been sent to the Manitoba Gazette applying for incorporation, for the purpose of developing the oil claims in the Lake Dauphin district.

April has fooled us all easily and badly since she revisited us. She opened smiling & warm-like, but towards night she was gathering up some more of the beautiful, which she sprinkled over us through the night. As the day advanced it again became warm, melting the snow rapidly, when after dinner it began to blow, & kept on blowing so determinedly from the north bringing with it its icy covering again, as compelled those who were engaged in work outside "to pile on" that they might "toil on." Sunday was a regular blizzard of a day. If the wind could not get snow to toss around, it made up for it on the ploughed land as it raised quite a stir from among the clods. It does not appear to have made

up its mind what to do yet, as now and again the sun sends a glint of sunshine and warmth towards us, which is soon followed by "winter's icy blast" again. Whether it is those "obnoxious gales," or the North Pole winds in search of MacArthur for trying to take its "staff" from it. We give up!

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th, 1887:

LOCALS

The grist mill has been started again.

Ducka are around again and gunmen also.

County Court will be held here next Friday.

Westbourne grist mill is being put in running order.

Judge Walker went west tithes week to hold court at Birtle.

There will be a meeting of the Palestine Grange Society Monday first.

Mr. Gallagher shipped cattle from here this week. He also shipped G. Claxton's from Woodside, who had wintered them there. He says Mr. C. Fahrni's cattle, which he has been stall-feeding three months back, are a fine lot.

A batch of emigrants passed here last Thursday and Friday on their way to Rapid City.

Another Lake Dauphin oil company has been started to prospect for oil in that region.

"Let brotherly love continue" and give an over-flowing house to their concert tonight in Andrews' Hall.

"The Manitoban" has become a morning light, instead of an evening torch, as formerly. Oxygen will become purer accordingly.

Ferguson's bridge should be seen to. There is a broken plank in the covering which may cost a trifle more than its repair if an accident occurs.

The culvert bridge between the Messrs. McLean & T. Hembroff is being renewed none too soon, by the above parties, as part of the covering has given away.

We hear the surveyors are intending surveying a line into the Lake Dauphin country. If this is to be so, where and oh where is our Gladstone and Duck Mtn. line? Or the Neepawa and Duck Mtn. line?

The water in the river has started on its ceaseless flow for another term. Now to be lost in the lake's wide expanse, anon to be carried aloft by Sol's persuasive powers, and yet again to descend in dews and rain to enable man and beast to live on nature's bounty. Such is the roundelay of life! Now ups, now downs, and often, alas! without feathers.—Mrs. Crawley.

Mr. D. McLeod, of Golden Stream, came within a hair's breadth of being killed last Sunday. In watering his team, one of the horses got away from the individual holding it; the other tried to join its mate, but was held back by the line he had in his hand. It turned, raised its forefeet and struck him on the forehead, causing him to spin around like a top, at the same time making the blood spurt out in a stream. He was taken into the house, when it was found that the feet had glanced, instead of striking him fair and with full force in the forehead; so saving him from instant death. He was able to go home the following day.

FRI., APRIL 22nd, 1887:

One of our Gladstone farmers intends putting in 300 acres.

Seeding is going along famously now.

Mr. Geo. McCrae has sold his farm and stock to Mr. W. Cooney.

Fish are coming up the river in a rush to supply a long-felt want, viz., brains. So mought it be!

Notice the price of Strong Bakers at the Gladstone Flour mill is \$1.65 per sack.

One of our Dead Lake settlers has gone to British Columbia, we are told. May he make a good "strike."

Cows are held at from \$25.00 to away up, according to the quality or the pressing needs of buyer or seller; oxen from \$100 to \$150.

Mr. Geo. Hyndman has bought Mr. W. Glenn out, the latter reserving five acres. We hear of others inquiring after land, though not come to terms yet.

A team of horses was bought by Messrs. G. Claxton and T. Hembroff this week for \$400.00. The team belonged to one from Holland.

Mr. A. Paul, of Gladstone has sold the quarter section adjoining his homestead to Mr. Hyndman, his father-in-law, who has put up a house on it, intending to take his investment out of the land by working it. ((We are fairly certain that the Hyndman farm was the s.w. quarter two miles west of town. Mrs. Chris. Fahrni was another daughter of the Hyndmans. — It is of some coincidence to note that they took up this land almost to the birthdate of their famous-to-be grandson, Dr. Gordon Fahrni - April 13th, 1887)).

Mr. Dean received a carload of machinery this week, including a Maxwell binder. It is said to bind - beat, we should say - all tarnation.

"The Manitoban" has aunk its

name - doesn't say whether its odor was too bad or not - and assumed the name of the "Morning Call." May its shortcomings be chased away by its new light robes.

Mr. Doherty says he is doing a good cash business. This is the right kind to do, as, whether crops are good or bad, the farmer isn't troubled with duns or the merchant with bad debts.

The quarterly love feast and sacramental services, in connection with the Methodist Church, will be held (q.v.) in Gladstone on Sunday, May the 22d, to commence at 11 a.m.

It has been decided to hold a tea meeting on Tues., May 24, at Gladstone, in aid of the Methodist Church, in connection with which a grand lecture may be expected. Will all our friends kindly take notice and join in making the above gathering generally successful. "United we stand." — Rev. W. Kinley.

MUNICIPALITY OF WESTBOURNE

A special meeting of this council was held last Monday in Andrews' Hall, all being present.

Communications

From the Minister of Public Works acknowledging receipt of petition for ditch.

From Peter St. Clair McGregor re roll.

From Thos. A. Wade re return of improvements in the municipality.

From Dr. Schultz re lands sold.

From D. H. Harrison re \$100 prairie fire relief.

The roll not having been returned by the assessor on the 1st of the month was the cause of this meeting; it being necessary to extend the time. The returns from the lands office did not come to hand in time.

Motions

Broadfoot-Jamieson: that the time for receiving the assessment roll be extended from the 1st of April till the 30th, and the court of revision be postponed till the 13th of June. Carried.

The losses sustained through the prairie fires of last fall were found to foot up to \$3750 of those given in throughout the county. According to the following motion was passed:

McCrae-Munro: that council apportion the govt. grant of \$100 in proportion to the actual losses of the sufferers as per list. Carried.

Jamieson-Broadfoot that the council grant the sum of \$100 to the Westbourne Agricultural Society. Carried.

Finance Committee

The finance committee having examined & passed the following accounts, recommended payment of the same: Wm. Wellwood, roadwork, \$8.00; J. McCrae, repairs, bridge, \$200; Donald Mc-

Lean and Malcolm McLean, repairs, bridge, \$2.00 & \$37.50 respectively; John Mason, salary & postage, \$27.85; John Mason, registry office fees, \$5.10; Thos. L. Morton, salary, \$62.50; Thos. L. Morton, vital statistics, \$6.50;

PATHMASTERS

Ward 1—J. J. Lackey, Alfred Giles, E. Seymour.

Ward 2—N. Morrison; G. Raincock.

Ward 3—W. Davis; W. Hill; J. Carr; W. Copland; J. Quinn; J. Philpips; Jas. Folkhard; Geo. H. Kerr; Robt. Herron.

Ward 4—John S. Duncan; J. McGhie; J. Blackstock; E. Attrell; T. Madill.

Ward 5—J. J. Stewart; C. McDiarmid; T. Carmichael; J. Leslie; D. Kerr; H. Mustard; Ed. Crouter.

Ward 6—R. McKelvy; D. Mawhinney; W. Clayton; J. Whaley; H. Pool.

Poundkeepers: J. Paul; G. F. Rodgers; W. Copland; George Lupton.

Constables: J. S. Duncan; J. Hooper; D. Paul; H. Lang; E. Seymour.

FRI, APRIL 29th, 1887:

COUNTY COURT

County Court was held here last Friday, Judge Ryan presiding. The following was the docket:

John C. Chambers vs. James Doherty, \$100. Non-suit, including \$3, council fee from last court.

Francis Blackmore vs. Elliott & Son, \$25. Judgment reserved.

Chris. Fahrni vs. Thos. Carmichael, \$16. Settled out of court.

James Louis Turner vs. Jas. Doherty, \$137.18. Adjourned till next court.

Watson Manf. Co. vs. Nicholas McLean, \$12.75; Judgement for plaintiff, \$7.74.

W. S. Bailey & Co. vs. Robert McMillan et al., \$103.60. Judgement for defendants. Usual counsel fee.

LOCALS

Eggs are only 8c further west, it is said, but 10 here.

Mr. Penrose, butcher, Wpg., has been here this week looking up cattle.

Preparing gardens is the order of the day, though "sowing the seed" will do to "bide a wee."

Messrs. Ogston, Lowdon and McGhie have struck fine water and are jubilant accordingly.

More emigrants went west this week. Just drop off some of yez and examine our county. It is well adapted for mixed farming, which is considered the best in

these times to turn an honest penny.

Remember: Arbor Day is May 12th.

Mrs. Andrews has received her mail from Toronto. Terms strictly cash or farm produce.

Mr. W. Y. Clubb went up to Arden on Monday to build their schoolhouse.

The parliamentary committee is getting to work. Mr. Claxton has been telegraphed to by Mr. Leacock this week in regard to our town's indebtedness.

Fish have been caught in large numbers this week in the river here. The boys went at it scientifically by pushing a wagon into the river, then laying a plank as a gangway from the river's side to the wagon. Last Mon. there were three such vantage grounds from which to catch the finny tribe, consequently the tails of fish were seen to wriggle in the breeze pretty much. One huge fish, weighing 15½ lbs., was caught after a third strike.

Birtle purposes starting a cheese factory with 130 cows. The town is expected to aid it. We hope they will succeed with so few. Our failure was because we could not guarantee about 200 at the start. If they can run it on their number, it will encourage other places to give it a like trial.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid gave their pastor, Rev. D. Stalker, a very pleasing surprise on Tues. evening. They repaired to the manse with baskets containing every imaginable delicacy; presented Mr. Stalker with a beautiful silver cake basket, accompanied with expressions of their pleasure at his safe return to his congregation. After

a most bountiful repast the evening was spent very enjoyably with music and conversation.—Committee.

Through the courtesy of our station agent here we have received the following report of grain and livestock shipped from Gladstone from Oct. 1, '86 to April 22, '87: Wheat, 53 cars, equal to 32,637 bus; Oats, 7 cars, equal to 3967 bus; Barley, 2 cars, equal to 1265 bus. There were 8 cars of livestock, weighing 164,180 lbs. — Considering all things, this is a good showing. It represents at least \$25,000 in cash.

Young Chaudron will stand for mares at Mr. Jas. Anderson's stables, Richmond, every Monday evening, commencing May 2nd; also at Mr. G. H. Kerr's stables Richmond, every Tuesday, commencing May 3rd, during the season.

C. FAHRNI.

(Editorial) . . .

We see the Neepawa 'Canadian' is bidding largely for emigrants in the last issue. We congratulate them on their banding together for such a desirable object and hope their work will repay them in increased population.

Our committee, though lately started, is looking out. Our columns are open to any communication on such a necessary subject. To be sure, we cannot say, like Beautiful Plains county, that we have so light taxes to pay, but we have a county splendidly adapted for mixed farming. Being an old settlement we have no homesteads of any account left. But from experience the emigrants will find it cheaper to buy an improved farm instead of homesteading. There are quite a few of such farms in our midst.

FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 1887:

Windy weather has been exceptionally prevalent this spring.

The heat is getting to be "too previous".

Arbor Day was held by the school children of the town making it harbor day or rest day from school labors.

Bulls are not allowed to run at large. Those having young bulls with their cattle are requested to shut them up.

Mr. Andrews has gone to Wpg. to act as emigration agent for this part. Hope he will induce a crowd to come & join us in raising again our good name.

We have received some emigrants lately. There are more to follow. One of them thinks of locating near town. He has been west on the C.P.R., also west on our line, and says he has not seen any place to please him as well as here.

Minnedosa station was struck by lightning and burned last Saturday. Mr. Chantler, station master, lost all his effects. He had his feet burned and barely saved his wife and children. Mr. W. R. Baker, superintendent, ran up on a special, surveyed the ruins and took the preparatory steps for replacing the building. The loss to the company and Mr. Chantler is about \$1500. The fire destroyed the telegraph instruments and cut off telegraph communication with the town.

Our townsmen held a meeting this week to get up some display on the Queen's birthday. Mr. McQueen was called to the chair. Mr. W. Williams was made secretary. A subscription sheet was drawn up, to which those present liberally subscribed. A committee was appointed to canvass the neighborhood. Prizes for games, etc., are to be given. A football match is likely to be indulged in by those who are fond of "kickin' the ba'. The bladder's being blown up, the leather stockt(?) sae stand back an' gie's a free kick for the Queen an' Auld Reekie's sake, an' ne'er mind the — skin as long as ye land it atween the flags." A meeting will be held in Andrews' Hall at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 17th, to draw up a programme and make all other necessary arrangements to make the day a success. It is requested that subscription sheets be handed in complete the same evening, if not before.

Pigs should be shut up now. It is too bad that piggy should be lifting the 'taters at one end of the row while the other is being considerably planted by the thoughtful one. Pressing need, not future good is what piggy is after - therefore keep him shut up.

Compensation for destroying

glancered horses should be put into the Municipal Bill.

We hope to see the "one man, one vote" idea put on the statute book this session of our local house.

If mortgage companies would really consider their own interests, not to say anything of the lift they would give the country, they would not merely sell their lands cheap, but limit their interest to 6 per cent, as what with prices for cattle and wheat at such a low figure it is impossible for a farmer to pull himself through on 8 per cent, far less 9 or 10, which some ruthlessly yet take.

As emigration is rapidly moving Manitoba-wards it could encourage those who intend investing, if they were met anything like half way.

The law against setting prairie fires will have to be strictly enforced and that without any sentiment about it either. For a week or so they have been putting in their devastating work. The one set out last Sat. is the most destructive we have had, we think, since we have been a settlement.

In asking \$1,000,000 to build up the boundary, the opposition thought that half would be sufficient. We notice Mr. Brown raised his voice for economy, wishing the govt. to hold in their hand, saying that the province was committed to about \$12,000,000 all told. We rejoice to see that he has turned over a new leaf. We would it had been always thus. Looking at the end of an undertaking is of more necessity than at the beginning.

We hear our grist mill is still in Mr. Broadfoot's hands. "The best well laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee." ((See issue of Nov. 12th, 1886, where C. P. Brown was supposed to have "come to terms" by paying out what was due on the mill. One of 30 some deeds involving this property shows where Brown after supposedly buying back the mill from Broadfoot, immediately resold it to Mr. Burpee (who farmed Brown's land on that side of Morris). If Brown didn't pay Mr. Broadfoot, it's to be wondered where that left Mr. Burpee on the deal)).

FRIDAY, MAY 20th, 1887:

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Dean is confined to the house with sciatica.

Mr. Brown's old granary was blown over by the late high winds. It was a wonder it stood so long, seeing its height was out of proportion to its width. It was used as a dwelling house in our pioneer days by some of our emigrants. ((The late Matt. Wilson told us of arriving in Gladstone on Hallowe'en night (1880, we believe) and staying over in some such shack, before his par-

ents and family proceeded north into the Walderssee area where they farmed for a few years before coming back and taking up what is the present Craig quarter a mile n.e. of town).

Mr. C. Fahrni shipped sheep, pigs and cattle this week.

Mr. Brown's brother was at Westbourne lately. He came to see what the country looked like, we were told.

Some English farmers' sons have lately come amongst us to learn the country's style of farming.

Rev. Mr. Jukes has been around inspecting the schools. His report is good. This is his last inspection under the present system, as there is to be a change.

There is a rumor that Mr. Haydn has been superceded. We hope it isn't so, as the company will lose an efficient officer and Gladstone a most obliging agent.

A meeting was called for last Wed. night to discuss the act respecting municipal indebtedness. As only one or two came, it wasn't held. Probably the next one will be.

Tuesday, 24th, our Queen's birthday, is to be observed here as a general holiday. The citizens' committee, who have worked hard to make it a success, deserves credit. The following is the programme: Pony Races; Men's 200 yard race; boys' race; squaw race; potato race; sack race; 3-legged race; running long jump; standing long jump; running hop, step and jump; standing hop, step and jump; tub race; throwing sledge, etc., etc. The day's sports to conclude with a grand football match - town vs. county. Liberal prizes, small entrance fee and the best day's sport ever held in Gladstone. Further particulars on day of games. To start at 1 o'clock.

The late prairie fire has done incalculable damage to fences, houses, stables, bush and cordwood in it. Miles and miles of bush have been completely killed by its ravages. Thousands of dollars have been lost by its bush work, as one can almost see across lots through solid timber. In fact it has almost cleaned off some bush lots, while quarter sections of valuable timber have been totally killed. For a couple of years or so timber will be as plenty and as cheap as dirt likely. The individual who set that fire, especially on such a windy day, has a lot to answer for.

In looking over the municipal indebtedness bill, we cannot but think that its provisions are on the whole fair. The receiver part appears to be severe, but stern measures are necessary at times. We hope the commissioners appointed will be above squeezing the debtor for the sake of the creditor.

FRIDAY, MAY 27th, 1887:

Mr. Clubb has finished Arden schoolhouse. He will tackle the English Church here right away.

Mr. Johnstone is the name of our new station agent. Mr. Haydn has gone to the C.P.R., we are led to believe. We wish him every success.

The town has organized a football club with a membership of 14 already. There will be high flyers now, you bet.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Sam Atrill lately lost by fire his stables, flour and a young bull, etc. A spark from the chimney was the cause. His sister saved the house, as he was beyond call at the time, so he did not know of his loss till he came home for dinner.

A Presbyterian picnic will be held on Friday, July 1st, Dominion Day, in Mr. J. Broadfoot's grove, when Presbyterians from Minnedosa, Neepawa and Portage are expected.

The English Church picnic which was said in our last issue to be held on the same date, has been put off till further notice.

The crops are growing splendidly. We had a gentle rain yesterday for an hour or two. Warm, but cloudy as well. Everything gives good promise now.

A brother of Mr. Sharp's left for his home in Toronto the end of last week. He does not need to trouble himself looking out for

land, but for his sons he would prefer this district. Likely some of them will be out.

((Editor Moodie prints a letter from the Free Press, written to Premier Norquay, in which the President of the Can. Pacific Rly. Co. protests vigorously regarding efforts of the govt. in connection with the Northern Pacific Railway, and its projected terminus with Winnipeg. If this is so, the C. P. will make Thunder Bay its western headquarters instead. Moodie spoofs a bit at this big talk)).

The following is an account of the games on the Queen's birthday, with the following prize-winners: Men's 200-yd. race, J. R. McDougall, \$1; W. W. Lobb, 75c; Boys, under 12, S. Bruce, 75c; N. McLean, 50c; Boys under 16, J. Beck, \$1; S. Bruce, 75c; Potato Race, 25-yds., J. McDonald, \$1; G. Pool, 75c; Sack Race, J. R. McDougall, \$1; W. Williams, 75c; 3-Legged Race, 100-yds., W. Williams & W. W. Lobb, \$1; D. McCrae & J. R. McDougall, 75c; Running Jump, W. Ross, \$1; J. R. McDougall, 75c; Running Hop, Step & Jump, W. Ross, \$1; J. R. McDougall, 75c; Standing Jump, J. McDougall, \$1; J. R. McDougall, 75c; Standing Hop, Step & Jump, J. McDougall \$1; J. R. McDougall, 75c; Running High Jump, Geo. Downey, \$1; J. McDonald, 75c; Pony Race, Jas. McCrae, \$5; being first & second; Football Match, town vs. country, was won by the former, getting the gate balance of \$5.05; Receipts, subscriptions, etc \$30.60; — Expenditures: Pony Race, \$5.00; Other Races, \$9.75; Jumping, \$10.75; Book, .05; Football match, \$5.05. Total, \$30.60.

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The swallows are with us once again. The adjoining building shows their skill and industry in providing nests for themselves & their young. ((This indicates the building between the Age office and Galloway's is vacant)).

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(It should be mentioned that for about the past six months the "Age" has featured a weather Report, signed by C. R. Little, Observer).

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FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1887:

Give a dog a bone and he will follow you, whether for love or more bone is the question.

Mr. Geo. Grantham, of Palgrave, intends putting up a frame house.

The English Church is to be 24 x 30, with a chancel 10 x 12. It is to have seating accommodation for 125 persons. It is to be built on one of Mr. Morton's lots near the schoolhouse. Mr. Clubb awaits the lumber to commence operations. Likely it won't be finished before August.

The ladies of All Saints church have decided to hold a bazaar of useful and fancy articles on our Show Day this fall.

We notice the school section

adjoining the town is getting blacker, some one breaking on it.

The weather is changeable. Windy and cold now and again. The crops are doing well, though a good soaking would make 'em grow all the livelier.

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We miss our music these nights on account of the sloughs being dry. But the birds are heard twitting and singing up to 10 p.m.

Mr. McAlpine has splendid onions. He has been using them for a week or two, also lettuce and rhubarb. Seasons must be turning around in the great "lone land," as it is pretty early to have your presence felt a long way off in May.

Mr. Andrews, who is acting as our emigration agent in Winnipeg, took a run up on business this week. He has sent several good men to take a look at our county, who have expressed themselves well satisfied with it. A Scotch farmer came up with him, who says the old country farmers are just on the move, though they want reliable information. We need not merely persuade them to come, but we should see that they are properly fixed in their new home before leaving them to paddle their own canoes. This would make new-comers better emigration agents than the mere ticket where they come from.

The Church of England picnic which was announced for July 1, is postponed till the early part of August. It will take place on the same day that the new English church is opened.

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The mill will start on Monday again. The lessee says his flour is giving general satisfaction. Also that his salts are three times what they used to be at this time a year or two ago. Those who have wheat to sell will readily find a market here, as the lessee says he will have to buy to supply the demand.

Our reeve, Mr. Smalley, was down at the disallowance meeting in Wpg. last Wed., showing that our county is desirous that the monopoly should cease. We did not think it necessary to make mention of the circular sent in regard to the meeting, as it came too late to be of use.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th, 1887:

The river is high, but not on a tear.

Rev. D. Stalker has gone to the general assembly.

Mr. Williams has moved out of town to his farm ((in Blake district)).

Mr. T. B. Shearer, B.A., will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday at 3 p.m.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Isaac Davidson, late of Gladstone, now of Neepawa, is very sick. His daughter, Mrs. Brown, is paying him a visit.

We had a call this week from Mr. R. B. Riley, of Westbourne, and Mr. Fanning, of Chatham, who has lately come to see the country.

Mr. Campbell, from the west, passed thro' here Sunday night with a drove of Highland cattle on his way to Winnipeg. The long hair on them gave them the appearance of buffaloes.

The Sanford ranch at Westbourne is being stocked with cattle and horses. There are between 30 and 40 mares with a splendid Cleveland bay entire horse called "Seneca Chief." Also there are over a dozen pedigree bulls.

We had a visit from Rev. Mr. McArthur this week. He was supplying Rev. D. Stalker's pulpit last Sunday. He was on his way to the assembly. The reverend gentleman is stationed at Shoal Lake.

A subscriber from Westbourne informs us that he went out to Lakeside to see the steam well drill at work and found it to be just the machine that is wanted where water is hard to get.

We are happy to notice that Mr. J. K. McGilvray, who was once our deputy registrar, but now of Winnipeg, has been taking honors in the late University examinations. . . . He has also received the Governor-General's silver medal for best in English, mental & moral science. We congratulate him upon his scholarship.

Gladstone had a visit this week from some of her red brethren. The women weren't of much account, in regard to dress, but the braves were perfect dudes. They numbered about 100 all told - men, women and papooses. Also about 100 ponies and 40 dogs. Likely they raise the latter for their grub.

From Richmond we have the following: "Crops are looking well here since the late rains. They promise to be heavy. Our baseball club 'Red, White & Blue' is busy practicing for a match with Gladstone on the 21st, the day of our grange picnic. All are invited; and bring their baskets

with them. Mr. McDougall, formerly miller in Gladstone, and lately of Minnedosa, is on his homestead here. Three births occurred here lately, viz., Copeland, Lang and Rollins being made the happy recipients of lively Manitobans. Marriage bells will soon be heard in our midst. Breaking is going ahead now. "Blue Nose."

FRIDAY, JUNE 17th, 1887:

Mr. T. McKenzie, of Florenta, lost a child by death last Sunday.

Mr. John Stewart, McGregor township, has murphies in bloom.

Mr. J. McLean, of Livingstone, we are informed, has wheat 2 feet 2 1/2 inches high already. He has about 13 acres of it.

Mr. Cummings, of the Portage, gave us a call last week. He could tell an exciting story, seeing he was in the country long before Riel's rebellion and lived through it.

Palestine has a baseball club! What's become of the "Wildcats" of Silver Stream, this year? It's time they were sharpening their claws, as we expect to see a game between them and the town on our picnic day - July 1st.

Mr. H. Mustard, of Palestine, has had the outside of his new frame house given a second coat of paint. Mr. W. Rintoul was the artist. Mr. Hatch, Portage, on the inside. Once it's finished it will be a cosy and warm house. ((The Mustards and Peter Moodie were near neighbors then, residing across the road from each other, though the Moodie house was back in quite a ways. It is also of real interest to relate that both dwellings are still in good shape though the Mustard house is not in use, Wendall and Jessie residing in town for the past few years. Peter Moodie returned to Scotland in 1912 and since then his "second" dwelling has served the McCaskill family, even to the 3rd (or 4th) generation. There is a rather sad story in connection with this house when it was first erected, but we'll leave that tale untold for now)).

Mr. C. Knox, of Silver Stream, had 15 teams breaking for him one day lately. No wonder the boys had to have a dance the same evening to recuperate, and the girls to join them out of sheer sympathy.

Mr. J. McAlpine is repainting his house. Good work tells, as it was painted about 10 years ago and has stood well. All the buildings that were slobbered over 4 years ago show the hardness of coal oil as a powerful element in paint. Mr. W. Rintoul is doing the painting for Mr. McAlpine. ((A picture of the Malcolm Hotel appears in the June "1884" supplement, and Mr. Moodie's guess of "about 10 years ago" would be right on as it was sup-

posedly built in 1876-77)).

Rev. W. Kinley preaches at Soudan schoolhouse, instead of Dotten's, Sunday.

We are again pressed to mention that young or old bulls are not allowed to run at large. Some one will likely get bitten if they don't keep them locked up.

Our red visitors have melted away out of our midst. They were able to enjoy a feast of fat things while here in the shape of a dead calf & ground up dog, with more to follow.

Remember the grange picnic on Tues., the 21st. Bring your baskets full to repletion so as to feed the poor bachelors - ravens we should say. It is said to be the sure way of getting hold of a fellow, by stuffing him. Whether it means stomach or head, remember it means stomach or head, respectively.

Rev. D. Stalker will likely fill his own pulpit Sunday, seeing the assembly is likely to be through to-day. We always thought the cloth liked to tread the holy land. They can be accommodated here, as we have a Palestine, Jordan, and even a Dead Lake.

Noticing the number of children as also the breadth of crop in Dead Lake settlement, the name appears to be a misnomer. Growing Lake would be a little more appropriate, seeing there is more to follow year by year.

Mrs. Clubb's gooseberries promise to be a heavy crop this yr. Also, she has the biggest tomato plant we ever saw in these parts. If it can be kept out of Jack Frost's clutches, it will bear summer and winter.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th, 1887:

Richmond is organizing a football club - & getting a new ball.

Mr. George McCrae, of Palestine, has started a cheese factory. Some of his neighbors are hauling their milk to it. If only he can keep on and make it a success, butter will not become such a glut on the market, as others can also follow suit on a small scale. The cheese, which he is making, looks good, and will likely command a good price.

Mr. O. McCrae, of Palestine, has a splendid lot of rhubarb growing in his garden, one of the stalks measuring six inches around.

The second annual picnic under the auspices of the Presbyterian congregation, will be held in Broadfoot's grove, Gladstone, on July 1st next, when a programme will be rendered consisting of speeches, singing, games, racing, etc., etc. Ice cream, lemonade & other dainties will be served. Come one! Come all! And bring your baskets. Teams will run from town to the grounds from 12 to 4 o'clock. Return match in football.—Communicated.

*Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:

Whereas the Lands hereinafter described are part and parcel of the lands mentioned in an Act of the Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting the Public Lands of the Dominion;" AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of the said Act, one Joseph Glenn, of the Settlement Known as Palestine, in the County of Marquette, in the Province of Manitoba, in Our Dominion of Canada, Farmer

became entered for the lands hereinafter mentioned with a view of securing a Homestead Right therein, and Whereas proof has been adduced to the satisfaction of Our local Agent, that the said Joseph Glenn has planted upon and cultivated the said land for the three years next after the entry as hereinbefore mentioned, and that such claimant is Our Subject by birth or naturalization.

Now Know Ye, that in consideration of the premises, and in pursuance of the said Dominion Lands Act, We have granted, conveyed and assured, and by these Presents do grant, convey and assure, unto the said Joseph Glenn, his heirs, and assigns for ever, all that Parcel or Tract of Land, situate, lying and being in the Township of the Blosom Range West of the Principal Meridian, in the Province of Manitoba, in Our Dominion of Canada described and known as, and being composed of

*Afforementioned
Deputy of the
Minister of Justice
Canada*

Township.

The South West Corner of Section Twenty, of the said

containing by admeasurment One Hundred and sixty

acres, more or less.

To have and to hold the said Parcel or Tract of Land, hereby granted, conveyed and assured unto the said Joseph Glenn, his heirs, and assigns for ever; saving, excepting and reserving, nevertheless, unto Us, Our Successors and Assigns, the free use and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters that shall or may be hereafter found on or under, or flowing through or upon any part of the said Parcel or Tract of Land hereby granted as aforesaid.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of

Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin and Councillor The Right Honourable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, EARL OF DURRANT, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clarendon of Ballyleidy and Killeagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At OTTAWA, this twenty-sixth day of October
year of Our Reign,

you of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy-five, and in the Thirtyninth

*Hom. No. 175
Reg. No. 1154
Ref. No. 1156*

} By Command

R. W. Scott
Secretary of State

H. H. Scott

H. H. Scott

The above deed, signed and sealed in Ottawa, Oct. 26th, 1875, proclaimed the property designated as the n.w. quarter of Sec. 20, Twp. 14, Rge. 11, as belonging to Jos. Glenn, farmer, of the settlement known as Palestine. Evidently Mr. Glenn had put in his several years as a homesteader dutifully enough to qualify for ownership status. — This land is located one mile south of town. The present registered owner is L. C. Samoisette. In Sept. 1979 Rod H. McAskill let us photograph this old parchment when the land was still in the family name.

We hear that Mr. T. Alcock is on his way back from Iowa to here. Nothing like Manitoba it seems.

We received yesterday in a small phial a real live Colorado potato bug. Mr. Lobb got it among Mr. Burpee's potatoes. He destroyed the eggs - between 50 and 60 - which it had laid. Any one can see it at this office and compare it with what they have been accustomed to in other provinces or States.

The Gladstone boys have adopted the name of "Thistle" for their football club. They were resplendent in ribbons Tuesday with the name printed on it. One of them, not satisfied with the ribbon had the Scotch thistle worked out in silk thread on the front of his guerney. It's handy at times to have a sister, especially if it's tother fellow's.

Weather windy and cold. Crops are rushing ahead. We hear so many accounts of forward grain that it inclines us to wait till we can get it with a bit of salt in it. It goes better. We hear of some 3 feet high and just about heading out.

Mr. J. McAlpine's house looks all the better for its new coat of paint. He has also put up his "shingle" once again. It is called the "Windsor House." Mr. Wm. Rintoul has done it up in first class style. He is willing to paint any color from a sober grey to a sky blue scarlet, with the exception of red, being too quiet a fellow to indulge in such tantrums.

We notice wild mustard is thick on the late Mr. Bruce's place. The pathmaster should be tackling it before it seeds. Some other farms are beginning to be troubled with it also. It is said it was imported from Ontario in seed grain.

We observe our red brother, Mr. D. Cameron, has come from somewhere on Lake Manitoba, within a 100 miles of the Ebb & Flow, to visit his friends and see how they "Dave." As he has flowed here, so will he ebb again.

Mr. S. T. Wilson, of Palestine township last week had a valuable dog poisoned; also 2 nights after that he had a couple of hams, which were tied up in a bag and hanging in his kitchen, stolen from him. This looks suspicious, first poisoning the dog and then stealing the meat. We did not think there was anyone around that hard up who needed to steal to satisfy their hunger. If there are any such, rather let them make known their wants & we are very sure the settlement will give them help than having them adopting much nefarious plans. We hope to hear of no more such night work, otherwise there will be trouble.

The million dollar bonds for the Red River Valley Railway have been taken by an English Syndicate. — Mr. Hugh Ryan, Perth, Ont., has secured the contract

for building the Red River Valley Railway at about \$200,000 less than the million voted. He is said to be as good as any railroad man in Canada.

M E K I W I N To The Editor Of The Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: At Ayr schoolhouse, Saturday, 18th inst., a meeting was held to form a division grange in Manitoba. Delegates from the following granges were present: Petrel, No. 874; Ayr, 894; Lorne, 900; Union, 920;

Palestine, 926. After full discussion they formed a division grange to be known as Victoria Division Grange, with J. McGregor, as Master; M. Collins, as Overseer; G. S. McGregor, secretary; J. W. Newton, lecturer; Geo. McCrae, chaplain; Jas. McLaughlin, steward; M. Murchison, assistant; R. Ferguson, gatekeeper; Mrs. Beck, Ceres; Mrs. Rogers, Pomona; Mrs. McLaughlin, Flora Mrs. McCrae, lady assist. steward. And thus is formed the first Division Grange in Manitoba. "God Speed the Plough!" — G. S McGregor, Sec.

became the property of Arthur Clayton and family for some 30 years. A number of families resided there from 1935 onward among them being Dr. Riddell, Thos. Sladek, the Wallins. The McAlpine's, in our youthful days, resided in the present Spek house also on the Crescent, one of our first after-four jobs being to deliver milk there).

Mr. G. H. Kerr, of Florentia, has bought the Soper place which adjoins him.

The members of the Richmond union grange have between 1400 and 1500 acrea of crop in this year.

Some of our settlers have been enjoying new potatoes for a week or two back, & as regards other garden sass away far, far back. Truly the country has taken an early tropical fit or a jubilee one. Let Manitoba flourish!

Rev. Wm. Kinley, we are informed, left Wed. for Crystal City, where his new sphere of labor is appointed him by the late Methodist conference. A crowd of friends witnessed his departure, who were deeply affected at the loss they were sustaining. We hope he will be as successful a worker in his new sphere as he has been while here. (Some 50 years later his son and daughter-in-law & their family returned, Mrs. Kinley still enjoying the comforts of Crescent Lodge).

Rev. Mr. Wooley, Methodist minister, has been located here. He preached last Sunday evening for the first time in his new charge.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Carr, of Richmond, is able to be around again.

Mrs. Elliott's father & mother arrived here this wk. from England on a visit to see her and her brothers.

Berry pickers are busy gathering to give the young and old boys a jelly piece now and again during winter to sweeten them up.

The Portage is going to have a big day on the 12th. Loyal Orangemen from the neighboring towns intend to be there to toast the memory of King William.

The Silver Stream baseball club had a game with the Richmond boys on Dominion Day and won 6-0. We are glad to see the Silver Stream club has been resurrected.

The Sanford Ranch Co., having had their lands examined and the boundaries clearly defined, require the hay for their own use and will not allow any to be cut except by previous arrangement with Mr. Davie, of Westbourne, or Mr. Best, of Gladstone.

We have received pamphlets from the historical and scientific

FRIDAY, JULY 15th, 1887:

THRESHING

Tenders wanted by the Union Grange for the threshing per bushel of about 1400 acres of grain. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be addressed to John W. Carr, at Richmond, P.O.

N O T I C E

A year-old Stallion Colt followed me from Snake Creek, Riding Mountain. Owner is requested to come and take him away. Costs of this advt. and 25c per day from 1st July for keep, will have to be paid before delivery. JOHN SPENCE, Sandy Bay, Lake Manitoba.

A. G. Williams begs to inform his customers that the mill will shut down about the 25th of July, and will not commence running until about Sept. 25th.

Mr. Campbell, jun., now of Wolseley, late of Silver Stream, is taking a run round among his former friends.

We hear our show is to be held at Dead Lake this fall, at Mr. Beck's. Is this the commencement of a peripatetic annual show throughout the county so as to give each part of the country a turn?

The berry-picking industry is still booming. We noticed one man with a big load of women the other day wending berry-wards. We thought of stopping him and asking him if he thought he was all O.K.; but, as we did not hear of anything unusual happening, we fancy he got along all right.

On Dominion Day we noticed one of first settlers, Mr. Donald McLeod, at the Presbyterian picnic. He is now of Wolseley, N.W.T. Though older, as a matter of course, he looked Hale and hearty. We wonder if he thinks that there is nothing like first impressions. We know others do and are accordingly seeking their way back.

Rev. D. Stalker has a bible class in Golden Stream, which meets every Tuesday night. Every district in the country would be better off with a class, as they would educate the rising generation in a stricter sense of what is right and wrong. We all know too little of the motive-searching teachings of the bible to act on them in our dealings with each other.

Get your mowers in order and knives sharpened as haying will soon be on. Parties who start too early spoil the meadows. The old settlers had a law among themselves so as to start on the 25th. They found that any hay cut before that time was labor and feed lost. Just let anyone who is anxious to start before that time try it and compare it.

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FRIDAY, JULY 1st, 1887:

Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor lost a child this week by death.

The building of the new English Church will, weather permitting, go ahead next week, and will be ready for the plasterers the week after.

A gentleman from Winnipeg says that Mr. McAlpine's onions beats all he has seen yet this summer.

Rev. Mr. McDiarmid, from near Ottawa, brother of Mr. C. McDiarmid, Sr., Livingstone Twp., preached an excellent sermon in the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land has returned from England. It is expected he will hold an ordination service in Winnipeg during this month when Rev. C. R. Littler will be ordained as priest.

Mr. J. Chambers, late resident here, now of Wpg., was up here on court business last week.

Gladstone school examinations took place yesterday. The children dressed the school in boughs. The holidays are now in order.

Mr. Tierney, of Silver Stream, showed us Wed. some splendid peas out of his garden.

Mrs. Stevenson, our teacher's wife, came to town last week from Winnipeg, where she has been under medical treatment, much improved in health.

Mr. A. Downey, of Silver Str., had a ploughing bee last week, when between 30 and 40 acres of summer fallow was turned over. A dance took place at night.

Mr. J. McDonald had a ploughing bee Wed. A dance was to take place the same evening. Probably the wet afternoon & evening would have a tendency to clog some of their heels.

Does it never strike the idiosyncratic synthetic cerebellum of the querulous intellect that things need "braying" once in a while, either in a pestle or otherwise? — Ceraneus.

Dr. Landy, Portage, was in town this week. His professional services were required for Mr. A. Muir, Gladstone, who is very sick with inflammation of the lungs and typhoid fever.

Strawberries and cream will now be dispensed with the cream of all creation.

We had a friendly call from lawyer Curtis, of Portage, last Friday, being court day here.

Breaking is being gone into largely in Palestine twp. this yr. We think we are safe in saying that between 200 and 300 acres of new ground will be made ready for next year's crop.

Weather favorable for crops. Wed. morning rain started, with light showers now and again throughout the day. It thundered in the afternoon. A dense black cloud in the north rolled over & enveloped us for a time, though a bit of blue could be seen peeping out now and again from behind the gloom. It finally came to a steady downpour. Quite a breadth of wheat will be headed out next week if all goes well.

FRIDAY, JULY 8th, 1887:

Wednesday, 105 in the sun; at 4 p.m. 90 in the shade.

Mr. J. McAlpine has bought 3 acres of Mr. Brown's town property, where his home stood, for a garden. (Seemingly Mr. Brown's house had already been destroyed by fire. It was located on the same lots as Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McBride's new house on the Crescent. In 1897 Mr. Lorie built on this property, and after he left for B.C. in 1905 it

with late-cut hay and they will find the old settlers were wise in thus waiting till it was ready for them. ((We're going to miss Moodie's little "flashbacks" to early pioneer days. Surely there was no one who knew them better for he was not only most knowledgeable, but a man of great observation & interest in the small fast expanding community. With his other talents, it is unfortunate that he did not take time in his later years to write a full history of pioneer days in Gladstone - he knew it in all its various phases. But we DO HAVE some of his "notes" - jottings in the first "Ages").

The schoolhouse in Silver Str. Sunday forenoon was crowded, many standing outside the windows to see and hear the Rev. Father Chaniquy.

Three new mowers were purchased in town this wk. by Richmond farmers. Up north they have evidently 'struck it rich.'

Gladstone Presbyterian church was filled Sun. afternoon, many coming a long way to hear the venerable father. Probably the most of us round here heard and saw him for the first time. We understand he sold quite a few of his books here. He went to Neepawa the following day, to lecture in the evening. Then to Minnedosa. One admires courage and worth. Seeing they are used in his case in the noblest way they can be, viz., to teach temperance and true religion to his fellow men, through much tribulation, is probably the reason why we have given him such an extended notice. "Give place they eried," and accordingly they had to get it, though the notes give a poor idea of the power and versatility of the eloquent preacher.

Colorado potato bugs are with us in numbers. We hear of several farmers having lots of them. Whether they will be able to survive our winters, and cause us to feed them carefully with Paris green next summer, is the question. The one we have in our office has been pronounced a real one, though not a live one now. Anyone wishing to start a museum or to post themselves for next year's conflict can have it without expense, as we will be generous on this occasion. Mind it isn't, "Come one, come all," but "first come, first served."

FRIDAY, JULY 22nd, 1887:

Some of our boys left this wk. to go on the survey.

The Gladstone football club went to Brandon today to play the Brandonites.

Mr. Chown, of Kingston, who was a guest of Postmaster Rose for a few days, left this week for his home.

More twine will be needed this season; also threshers will have

a little more straw to chaw.

Mr. Crick, one who has been tenting opposite the station for a month or so, has taken up an abandoned homestead about four miles from town.

We saw a petition this week calling upon the agricultural society to hold the show in Gladstone instead of at Dead Lake.

Nail down 'em loose planks on the sidewalks, else it will be a veritable case of the sidewalk rising up and giving one a black eye.

McGregor twp. has had an epidemic of whooping cough. It started among the children, attacking grown up people as well.

We saw a fine field of wheat this week which its owner estimates will, for the greater part, go 40 bus. to the acre.

The weather keeps cloudy, with an inclination to rain now and again. It goes without coming, however. Otherwise the weather is suitable for the hay fever which is raging.

Gladstone school starts Monday.

Last week Mr. Burpee said some of his stalks of wheat measured five feet, the heads being long in proportion.

McGregor Twp. is raising the needful to start a Sunday School library. Gladstone had a call from lady canvassers this week.

Mrs. Best leaves for Ontario next week, while Mr. Best goes to Westbourne for a time to look after Mr. Sanford's interest in his land business.

The officers of the Union Sunday School at Birtle are endeavoring to arrange for a picnic of all the Sunday Schools along the line of the M. & N.W. Railway early on August. — Minnedosa Tribune.

We hear that Messrs. Fuester have bought the old Leech place. This is a splendid half-section. It has never been settled on since old Mrs. Leech left to live in Southern Manitoba, though it has changed hands once or twice since then. ((This land is about two miles south and 1 mile west of town)).

Mayor Crawford, of Birtle, left this week for Ontario to take charge of the M. & N.W. Railway excursions from the east. It starts on the 17th August. Return tickets available for 60 days either by boat or rail to all points in Ontario on the C.P.R.; and also to all points on the M. & N.W., for \$25.

The smallness of country minister's stipend, and the grudging reluctance with which it is frequently doled out to him, is an old story. Those who enlarge upon it do not seem to get to the root of the matter. The fact is that in many places, owing to sectarian divisions, there are too many churches in proportion to

the population.—Toronto News. ((*Shingling of the new English Church has been completed*)).

Galloway is paying 12c for eggs and 10c for butter; and is offering some rare bargains in dress goods and prints.

The Rev. C. R. Littler will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday next in St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg.

RICHMOND

Crops are looking splendid here.

Mrs. Lindsay has gone to Bowmanville, Ont., to see her parents.

The schoolhouse is being fixed up during the holidays. It opens again about the end of next month.

Farmers are busy haying.

FRIDAY, JULY 29th, 1887:

We are sorry to hear that Mr. A. Muir is still very sick.

Mrs. Grose, McGregor twp., has barley which could have been cut last week.

Last Friday afternoon Rev. D. Stalker christened the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine, at their residence.

Mr. Thos. Carmichael has a splendid field of wheat which is upwards of 4½ feet in length. The heads are also long and about half filled. If weather keeps favorable it should be ready for the sickle by the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin, instead of going back to England, have concluded to stay for a month or two to see how they like it. Just let them wait till the fall when there are no flies and the agreeable haziness and warmth of Indian summer is on, it will charm them, we have no doubt, to linger in our midst. The winter is cold and the wind piercing at times, but it is dry; no slush, no rain, till spring opens again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulcoop, the emigrants from England, who sojourned with us here for a week or two waiting for the place they were offered, have written to a party in town saying that they had secured it, and were well satisfied with it. The gentleman they hired with, is a son of Admiral Stewart, England, who with his lady, is paying his son a visit. We hope they will be able to gather enough in a year or two so as to start a ranch of their own.

Mr. Crick bought the quarter-section next to Mr. Crouter from the C.P.R. We made a slip when we said he had homesteaded it. His family are expected daily. He has rented the house formerly occupied by Mr. T. Hembroff.

Mr. G. Bruce commenced cutting wheat Tuesday. Mr. Broadfoot, Gladstone, started same day; Mr. Boyd Thursday. In fact if the weather keeps dry the whirr of the machine will be heard on every farm next week.

Messrs. J. & D. McLeod arrived this week from the Wolseley district. They have again been cleaned out by the gophers. They report others leaving also on account of the same nuisance. They wish to locate here again, if they can get anything to suit.

There being no provincial agricultural exhibition this year, a greater interest will be taken by the public and foreign visitors in that of the Eleetoral Division Society's. It is therefore in the best interests of our county that their exhibition be held in Gladstone as formerly. We can see nothing but a huge failure and farce in the show being taken to Dead Lake.—Com.

Mr. R. Galloway brought into our office this week a couple of cucumbers which all pronounce, who have seen them, to be very large and early ones.

A photographer was camped at the station for a few days this week taking views of folks and things in general.

Mr. J. Andrews is up on a visit. We understand he has opened a grocery store in Winnipeg and likely to build up a business. We wish him success.

Baker's official car went west on Sunday evening. The train came within an ace of killing a valuable dog which was on its way to attend church, in attendance on the ladies of its household. Moral: Dogs are not expected to attend church; neither are trains expected to run that day.

We hear of land being sold to new-comers now & again. Little by little the place will soon be filled up again.

A couple of travellers passed through here Tues. on their way to York colony. They had a covered wagon which was well filled, and a team of horses. It brought old times back seeing the covered rig.

Dr. McFadden was in town Sunday evening. His services were required for our station-master's wife. He was able to save her life, though not that of the child. It was a difficult case, we were informed.

We hear the right-of-way case between Mr. McCrae and the Council has been arranged satisfactorily. It only needs the work done to set aside this long bothersome trouble.

The M. & N.W. Railway Co. are fitting out a couple of ballast trains to operate west of Minnedosa. The steam shovel, three boarding ears, locomotive, etc., will accompany the outfit, which will begin work at once. Gen. Supt. Baker returned yesterday from a trip in his private

car out west over the road. More activity prevails in the workshops, and on the line of late in the passenger & freight traffic if it continues good. The company seems undecided yet whether to build from Rapid City west, or on the main line west of Langenburg.—Free Press.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1887:

A grange picnic was held last Wed. at Ayr schoolhouse, McGregor twp. There was a good crowd.

The English church is ready for the plasterers. When finished it will be a handsome building.

We hear that Miss McQueen intends opening a millinery store at Shoal Lake, having gone to Winnipeg to buy her stock.

A young cyclone went thro' part of the Municipality of Osprey Wed. evening, striking John Lang's house, and in few minutes not one log was left in position. Mrs. Lang was upstairs at the time, and suddenly found herself in a wheat field some 30 yards off, but is not much the worse for her aerial transit. Mrs. Lang, Sr., and five or six young children were also in the house at the time, and that any of them escaped death among the falling logs seems a perfect miracle. Mrs. Lang, Sr., had her arm broken, but none of the children are seriously hurt, although all are more or less scratched and bruised. Furniture, stoves, etc., in the house were all smashed to atoms. Goods from the house were carried as far as two miles, and so far no trace has been found of the roof. So far as it can be learned at present no other damage has been done.

Yesterday afternoon a business meeting of the managers of the Presbyterian Church was held to see about needed repairs, etc. to church and manse.

From the peculiar local items of the Age, it would seem as if he were advertising for a "shingle." —Free Press. A most peculiarly delicate way of advertising its own wares. When needed will take advantage of the offer to supply our lack from the F.P.'s fullness. — Ed.

Dr. Scott's services were required for Mr. P. Robertson, of Golden Stream last Friday night. He was not able to swallow anything on account of a sore throat. The doctor ordered him down to Wpg. hospital, as an operation would have to be performed, which could be more readily done there. He left Sat. accompanied by his sister.

The wheat crop is looking quite plump, just needing heat to ripen it. Some will be cutting next week, if weather keeps dry so as to get through with their hay.

It has been very backward weather. The mosquitoes are a perfect fright sometimes, reminding us of "ye olden times".

There is room for a doctor here; and a drug store also.

Mr. D. Rintoul lost one of his big mules by death this week; very suddenly.

The M. & N.W. have just completed breaking 800 acres of land for a new colony, which is soon to be started about 25 miles west of Langenburg. The company are also having 1,000 tons of hay cut for the same colony. —Free Press.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12th, 1887:

The M. & N.W. employees' excursion is to be held at McArthur's Landing about the end of the month, it is said.

Mr. S. T. Wilson cut barley on Tues. He was in the village Wed. trying his engine to see if he is ready to smoke the pipe of peace.

The rate struck by council for this year's levy of taxes is: for General purposes and Judicital District, 5 mills; for principal & interest on debentures, 10 mills; for schools, 4 mills. Total, 19.

R. M. OF WESTBOURNE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council met Thurs., Aug. 4th, in Andrews' Hall. All members present, Reeve Smalley presiding.

The minutes of meeting of the Court of Revision on assessment roll for present year, and of the last regular meeting of Council, were read and adopted.

Communications

From municipal commissioner that \$408.05 for district expenses and \$339.86 for county expenses, was apportioned and levied upon the municipality for the current year.

M. & N.W. Ry. Co. re highway, etc.

Superintendent of Education acknowledging receipt of petition re grant, Soudan School District.

Reports

Arbitrators re dispute with O. McCrae in connection with highway, awarding Mr. McCrae \$85 for 38 feet of land through portions of sections 22, 27 and 28, and for the fencing in of same on north side, a further sum of \$54 on each quarter sections. Cost of arbitration, \$15, to be paid by the municipality.

Finance Committee

The finance committee having examined and passed the following accounts, recommended payment of same:

Clerk, vital statistics and postage \$12.87
T. L. Morton, salary 62.50
J. L. Logie, stationery 4.35
O. McCrae, road allowance expenses 100.00
W. E. Sanford, int. on loan 80.00

Clerk reported receipt of affidavits of G. R. Raincock and J. W. Carr, pathmasters; and G. Lupton, C. Munro and J. M. Paul as poundkeepers.

Reports adopted.

Motions

McRae-Broadfoot: that in accordance with the act for the destruction of noxious weeds, every pathmaster in this municipality is hereby instructed to see that all noxious weeds are destroyed at once in their respective districts. Carried.

Munro-McRae: that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Jamieson in the chair, to draft a by-law for the levy of taxes for the year 1887. Carried.

The by-law passed with its usual readings. The following is the rate struck:

Mills General & Judicial District 5 Schools 4 Debentures, prin. & int. 10

Total 19

Council meets Thurs., Oct. 13.

(Ed's note: We are indebted to Mr. Mason, clerk, for the above notes.)

More Locals

Palestine school starts Monday.

Get your pop-guns ready, as game will soon be ready for winging.

Notice Mr. Crick's advertisement re clocks, etc.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19th, 1887:

Notice the change of time in the M. & N.W. time table.

Miss Gillespie, from Michigan, is paying her sister, Mrs. Dean, a visit.

We congratulate Mr. R. Broadfoot on having received a third class certificate; also Miss L. E. Best.

Mr. W. Alcock, who has been troubled with his knee getting out of joint, and also sciatica, is gradually getting better, we are happy to hear.

Cattle are a nuisance around town these hot days. Two calves went into a hardware store the other day and broke a large pane of glass. Whether it was in the endeavour to cool their innards or not, their hasty leave after doing the damage prevented them being interviewed on the subject.

The new English Church is expected to be opened the 15th of next month. Mr. Clapp is busy making the seats, of which there are to be 22 capable of each holding quite a number. There's a lot of work on them, and also a good deal of lumber used in their construction. They have panel backs, with high ends, and are to be varnished so as to represent oak.

The plasterers started yesterday. Crows are very numerous now. They are testing the wheat. The blackbirds are also looking up their oats.

The crop is being cut. It is very heavy. Weather favoring we will soon secure the biggest and best crop that this section of the country has ever grown. The harvest is later than we expected on account of too much wet weather, which kept it growing.

Mrs. Dight, of Wpg., is the guest of Miss Stalker.

Mr. F. R. Crick will trade and cash a good air gun and pump complete for a good cow in milk.

The M. & N.W. excursion from Ontario leaves today. It will likely be in Winnipeg Monday.

We have had a colony of Indians around the town these few days back - berry-picking so it seems.

Rev. D. Stalker has gone for a week to Shoal Lake to take note of the Indian Mission there, he being convener of that committee.

A stringer is broke on the bridge between Carmichael and Moodie's places. Whoever has to see after it should do so at once, as it isn't safe to have travel go over it. ((John Moodie reporting, it would seem)).

Lieut. Gordon's report of his Hudson's Bay expedition of last year is to hand. It is worthy of perusal, as it gives a minute detail of the work he has performed. The maps showing the course pursued are invaluable.

Looking at the map accompanying the Northwest mounted police report, one cannot but be struck with the vast amount of territory which such a handful of men have to patrol; and wonder that they do it so successfully. ((Our knowledgeable editor has his eye on everything, it seems)).

The official report states that during the 12 months ending on June 30th, 1887, the number of emigrants who landed in United States was 484,116. Of these 106,559 came from Germany; 74,020 from England and Wales, and 68,130 from Ireland. — The Globe.

Not crediting the guilt of Mr. Haydn, our former station agent here, and also wishing to save him from any loss or unpleasantness in his present location, we thought it best not to mention last week the serious charge which the express company had brought against him of appropriating funds committed to his charge for transmission. We are glad that he was acquitted honorably. For the short time he acted as agent here he was universally liked for his geniality and obliging ways.

THEREBY HANGS A TAIL
At the meeting of the Louise Council on Wed. last, \$1,146.13

was paid as indemnity for gopher tails. The amount represented the demise of about 100,000 gophers. The festive little animal has been quite a tax on the funds of the treasury; but it is believed the means adopted by the Council for the extermination of the pests have been pretty successful, and have resulted in saving a large amount of crop from destruction.—Manitou Mercury.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26th, 1887:

Men are scarce, making help dear.

An agent was around this wk. peddling fanning mills.

We hear that little Harry Clapp is very sick. He has gone to the Portage.

Mr. W. Cory is enjoying his holidays with his folks here.

Mr. Hyndman, one of our old settlers, has been visiting his sons here.

We see the teacher and others have put up a couple of good swings for the amusement of the school children.

The time will soon be on for prairie fires. How many of us will be caught napping?

We are glad to see Mr. A. Muir around again. He desires us to thank those who were kind enough to sit up with him during his late severe illness.

Last Friday there was only one case at the County Court, which was held over till next.

Harvest is getting along, but kin' o' slow, on account of the shower weather.

Rev. W. Murdin preaches at Portage Sunday first, and consequently will be unable to fill his other engagements here.

The ladies of Birtle are trying to get rid of license to sell liquor. Neepawa is a temperance town. Won't some of our ladies get at our tavern-keeper here and persuade him to shut up altogether. He is almost shut up now, there being no call. He is almost a farmer; try and persuade him to be one altogether, and Gladstone will be another one added to the temperance list.

The M. & N.W. excursion train passed here Mon. afternoon. Five coaches containing upwards of 250 representative farmers. They were not allowed to drop off until they had reached their destination. They will be sure to give us a call as their tickets allow them the privilege of stop-over on their return. Perhaps an organized effort will be made to drive those who come, thro' the length and breadth of the county. Ocular demonstration is best. We heard a good suggestion from one of our townsmen, viz., that the M. & N.W. give residents along their line a cheap excursion rate this winter to vis-

it their eastern friends. They could tell a more extended circle what Manitoba had done for them and so incline many more to come in their lot with us.

We hear that wild mustard is on a few farms in the surroundings. Councillors, if they have not done so, should notify the various pathmasters to look it up and get it pulled.

Be so good as to buy your groceries in town; also anything you want in the stocking line. The window is securely barred now. You may try the door next time, but look out for "rats".

The agricultural society will have a meeting in a week or so. Town, be on hand with your persuasive logic to get the directors to change the location of the show.

A traveller was in town with a new arrangement to fill your coal oil lamp. The can is supposed to be full of oil, on the top of

which is a place for the lamp to sit. A knob is then touched and the oil comes up and fills the globe. It is an advance on the old way of getting your floor all over with oil.

Mr. Wm. McKelvy left at our office last Sat. a sample of Red Fern wheat. It has long heads and a plump berry, and bearded. Five inches was the length of the heads brought, being the average though he has some as long as seven inches. It also ripened ten days earlier than his red fyfe. He sowed 16 lbs. from which he expects to have 10 bushels at the least.

Binding twine is 20 cents on account of paying duty, being from the States. Mr. Doherty has a quantity on hand. He showed us the Canadian and Yankee makes, and on comparison we would prefer the latter, even though it is dearer. We don't know why it should be so.

parties don't cease from their deviltries they will be looked after. We hope this warning will make them take heed and control their evil dispositions.

Fencing will have to be done a little less slovenly, as every yr. we hear of cattle destroying crops. Rails are of very little use now unless put up with a great deal of care. Wire is the only safe fence and even that is making bad cattle, as some farmers neither put it up properly nor see that it is kept taut. It's worse than folly to expend money and labor in putting in a crop and about reaping time allow cattle to roam thro' it. It may be a saving of labor or handy way, but it's a mighty shiftless one. We understand that the council appointed fence-viewers, who were to have the power to compel a farmer to put up a regulation fence. It would be a good thing to have them go round and see who are not complying with the law. The place is getting settled more year by year, which circumscribes the feeding ground thus making it all the more necessary to see that fences are properly kept.

The opening and consecration of the new English Church will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th. The consecration service will be at 11 a.m. and will consist of consecration service, morning service, morning prayer & communion service. The Most Rev. the Bishop of Rupert'a Land will preach and celebrate the holy communion, assisted by the Rev. C. R. Littler, incumbent designate of the parish. The induction of Rev. C. R. Littler as incumbent will take place during the service. The evening service will be at 6:30. It is hoped one of the Wpg. clergy will preach. The offertories at both services will be devoted to the building fund of the church. This fund is not quite completed, and it is hoped that those who attend the services will give liberally, so that the full amount may be raised and the church completely paid for at once. The Rev. C. R. Littler and vestry of the parish desire to sincerely thank all who have contributed to the church and thus enabled them to build and completely furnish a church suited to the needs of the parish, and at the same time an ornament to our town. They hope there will be a large attendance at both services on Sept. 11th.

The church is a substantial frame building, 30 x 24, with a chancel 12 ft by 10 feet deep, & a vestry; wainscotted and lathed and plastered inside, with gothic windows, and furnished with pulpit, communion and credence tables, reading desk, organ and seats for 150 persons. The contractor, Mr. Clubb, has done his work neatly, substantially and with the very best material. The whole building is a grand testimony to his ability as a builder. The total cost of church and furniture is \$1450.—Com.

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FRIDAY, SEPT 2nd, 1887:

Mr. Grant, of Brussels, Ont., and Mr. Douglas, two of the excursionists gave us a call this week. Mr. J. Broadfoot drove them around. Mr. Grant has been often in the country, though it is the first time he has been in our part. They were both pleased with this section of country and congratulated us on having such a heavy crop.

We saw some very prolific peas grown by Mr. Burpee. They are short in the straw.

Mr. and Mrs. Best left town this wk, the latter for a sojourn among friends in Ontario, while the former will stop in Winnipeg likely. Hope we see them back soon.

Mr. D. Rintoul has left the town and gone on his farm.

The harvest was interrupted for a day on account of heavy rain Tues. afternoon.

Two carloads of cattle were shipped from here this week; also about a carload of grunting. One carload of cattle was shipped by Mr. Gallagher, of Winnipeg, while the other, shipped by McGregor and another, was for a Yank, but a douce Scot, we believe in giving credit where it is due. Canada is capable of being taught to excel.

Some one has been dogging cattle in Livingstone twp. Three have been badly lamed. There are not many settlers there, but evidently there is bad blood among them. If cattle get into mischief, put them in pound, but do not be vindictive. We have heard of queer ongoing this some time back. 'Murder will out' whether in saint or sinner, we can assure them. If the party or

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9th, 1887:

Mr. J. Duncan, section boss, has been shifted to Arden. Mr. J. McBride takes his place. ((It should be noted here that this Mr. McBride is the great-grandfather of Ross, Doug. and Jim, all located on the Pembroke road; as well as others of the McBride clan).)

Mr. Findlay lost one of his mares by death last Sunday. Inflammation the cause, we are led to believe.

Mr. Jukes has been around inspecting Gladstone and Living-stone schools. The inspector's report of the former is so adverse that the trustees have found fault with it, and taken steps accordingly.

All Saints' Church will be consecrated on Sunday first. Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The bishop of Rupert's Land will preach at both services. A full statement of the building fund will be published.

Father Chaniquy's books have arrived. Those who ordered them will get them at Mr. Dean's store.

A Singer Sewing Machine agent and drug peddler have been doing the town and county this week.

Our show is to be held this year as usual, in town. We congratulate the directors on having made the change. We are all "a band of brothers again," instead of "abandon-ed brothers."

We noticed at the "tip" or dip of the horizon (just as it suits), the other night a fiery streak indicative of a prairie fire. Fire guardians be on the ready.

Morris Ave. bridge approaches should have some earth thrown on them before it freezes up, as teams have a difficulty in getting on to the bridge at one end. A little dirt would save a lot of undevotional talk.

"Yes, sir, winter appears to be reaching "onto" and over us, and I have no wood stored up to keep the stove a-blazing. "Go to," I will help myself to my provident neighbor's pile. "Providence helps them that helps themselves," it is said in some book or other. Probably in one of Cooper's tales about Indians. However, it just fits my case exactly."—Soliloquy.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin left on Tues. for Toronto, Ont., where they intend locating for the winter. Their son going to enter college there has been the cause of their early flight.

WESTBOURNE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Agricultural Society last Sat. the following business was transacted:

It was unanimously agreed that this year's exhibition be held in

the Town of Gladstone on Tues., the 27th inst., Mr. Galloway having given the use of his former premises for the exhibit of roots, grains, dairy, horticultural and ladies' work, etc.

The secretary was instructed to enforce by-law No. 2, viz., "that all entries must be made before 6 p.m. on day previous to day of show, otherwise \$2 will be charged."

It was agreed that by-law No. 11 was to be strictly adhered to, viz., "that in the absence of any competition in any section, no prize will be awarded, provided only in cases where specially recommended by the judges; and that, in cases where any person interferes with the judges in discharge of their duties, all right to any prizes will be forfeited."

JUDGES

Horses: Dr. Rutherford, T. G. Ferris, John McGregor.

Cattle: K. McKenzie, Walter Lynch.

Sheep: Donald Stewart, Wm. Renwick.

Pigs & Poultry: G. S. McGregor, J. McDougall, Richmond.

Grain: Robt. Watson, Alex Edgar.

Butter & Cheese: W. Cairns, J. A. Davidson.

Roots & Vegetables: Rory McQuaig, John Orr.

Ladies' Work: Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Stalker.

(Editor: Our thanks are due Mr. Mason for the above).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16th, 1887:

The threshers have started. Now the big yields will have a chance "to pan out."

We notice Mr. E. E. Best is attending the Normal School in Wpg., which commenced the first of the month.

A photographer was around this week willing to enhance one's phiz, picture or anything else that came handy; even to draw out your pocket book if there chanced to be anything in it.

Wheat is selling at 52c though the market here has hardly opened yet. Threshing has just started and farmers will be wise to keep the plough going till it freezes up, for upon it now depends their success next season.

A peddler, with fanning mills made in Portage, was in town yesterday.

We are sorry to hear that a son of Mr. McAdam's, who has lately left us, had his arm blown off through the bursting of a threshing engine in Dakota.

Mr. Arnold Williams shifted his building last Sat. down to the station, where he intends fixing it up as a grain warehouse.

He hauled it to the track with a capstan and horse, and then loaded it on to a truck with the help of blocks, leverage & heavy men sitting on the tither end of the lever with a "yo heave again, boys." He is getting ready to stop for the evening service.

even chairs having to be brought in. After church the members and invited friends had lunch in Andrews' Hall, which the ladies had prepared a day or two before, as it would have been impossible for so many of them to have been entertained in the town, and also enabled them to stop for the evening service.

The plastering was well done by Mr. Hatch, of Portage.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23rd, 1887:

Mr. Geo. Grantham, Palestine twp., received a carload of lumber from the Portage last Friday for the new house he intends to build.

The undersigned is prepared to pay the highest market CASH price for good sound Potatoes. Sacks furnished on application.

R. GALLOWAY.

((It's good to see this name in the paper again. For over a year the store advt. has borne only the name of "William Galloway". We've been searching for an answer to this conundrum, as apparently Roper has been in town all this time)).

Mr. C. Fahrni shipped two carloads of No. 1 hard last week. It is said to be the best sample yet. He has more of it to thresh. His wheat went over 30 bus. to the acre.

Mr. Wm. McCrae is paying his folks here a visit. He appears to have done well since he left here, seeing that he has two farms, and is on the eve of starting a saw mill.

While Messrs. Hanna Bros. were threshing at James Fox's last Sat. at McGregor, a spark from the engine was carried to the stacks, burning over 6,000 bus. of wheat. The separator narrowly escaped cremation, one side being almost burned out before a team could be got to draw it away. In the excitement Mr. Wm. Young got his knee badly hurt, from which he is suffering a great deal of pain. Much sympathy is felt for all the losers.—Free Press.

To the north of the mill one field has 36 stacks in it, while to the front of it there are over a score. Go in any direction and you are sure to see them waiting for the bushel measures to testify to their big yield. Down towards the Dead Lake region we never saw so many stacks. One field will have 40 stacks at the least, while others will have 20. Truly it is a big crop. If it turns out anything like its bulk it will be a heavy yield. Threshers have their work cut out for them for an afternoon or two. If our lands were all occupied, as they should be, and rightly farmed, we could easily sit in the gate and smile on our friends as well as our enemies. There is one half section which would grow splendid crops if its goodness were

not hidden by the curse of greed. It has been through many hands, or said to be, and now it can't be touched on account of too large a price being asked for it, the owners believing in the whole hog or none. However, let us rejoice and thank Providence for having so blessed the "labor of our hands, and "dae the richt, and we'll fear nae evil."

STATEMENT OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BUILDING FUND

RECEIPTS

S.P.C.K. grant	\$192.44
Bazaar, Sept. 1886	67.50
Missionary Meeting	6.10
Concert, Nov. 1886	41.10
Bazar, Dec. 1886	45.25
Concert, Dec. 1886	11.10
Bazaar, May 1887	62.50
Sun. School collection	4.50
Interest (var. sources)	11.85
Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Bennett	58.50
Bishop, Rupert's Land	30.00
T. L. Morton	25.00
E. Rose	25.00
Coll. by Mrs. H. C. Bennett and donations	27.65
Miss Cory	11.00
Mrs. Newcombe	5.00
Mrs. Mercer	56.50
Rev. & Mrs. Littler	284.80
T. Cory	25.00
Other Subscriptions	25.00
Offertory (day of Con- secration)	64.75
Friends in England (per E. M. Lewis)	12.10

PROMISES

G. F. Burpee	25.00
E. Atrill	20.00
W. McKelvy	5.00
Friends of Rev. Littler	62.00
Per T. Cory	20.00
L. A.	2.00

TOTAL	\$1,186.44
Amt. still to be raised	152.66

EXPENDITURE

Paid on contract	\$868.50
Sundries	20.80
Lamps, carpet, alms basin, altar cloth, & hang- ings	69.80
Insurance	26.50
Bal. of contract price	276.50
Font	30.00
Pulpit, reading desk, re- edas, stove & piping	47.00

\$1,339.10

The above statement shows a deficit of \$286.66 of which amount \$134.00 has already been guaranteed, leaving \$152.66 still to be raised. This deficit has for the present time been provided for by the incumbent, church wardens, and one of the vestrymen, and as subscriptions come in the amount will be placed to their credit.

The lot on which the church stands was given by T. L. Morton; the pulpit by the children of Christ's Church Sunday School, Wpg.; the communion table by the Sunday School children of the parish; the reading desk by Mrs. Mercer; the altar cloth &

hangings by Mrs. Burpee; the bible and office book by the S.P.C.K.; the reredos by the Rev. C. R. Littler; the stone font by the Rev. F. C. Littler, of Weston Notts, England; the alms basin by Mrs. C. P. Bennett; the chandelier by Mr. James Andrews; ten bracket lamps, complete, by Messrs. Porter & Ronald, and G. L. Wells & Co., of Winnipeg.

To help meet the amount still required, viz., \$152.66 the ladies of the congregation intend holding a bazaar of useful & fancy articles, and a lunch table Tues. 27th inst. (Show Day) in W. S. Bailey & Co.'s old bank, under Andrews' Hall, and hope that their friends from town & country will give their patronage, & help them in their good work. We cannot hope that they will raise the full amount, but trust that the friends and well-wishers of our church, who have not already subscribed and feel they would like to help us, will send their subscriptions, no matter how small to either T. L. Morton or myself.

On behalf of the vestry of the parish I would now convey our sincere thanks to all those who have in any way helped us, and enabled us to build such a substantial and complete church as we now have.

Charles R. Littler, B.D., Incumbent of All Saints' Parish, Gladstone. Sept. 21, 1887.

((As readers of this history already know, this building is still in existence and still is serving well, though now as part of the business section of Gladstone. See picture and write-up in the 1942 Supplement of "Down thro' the Ages").

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30th, 1887:

Mr. A. Williams shipped three carloads of wheat this week, 2 of them being from Mr. G. McCrae, Palestine, while the other was from C. Fahrni, here.

Hon. C. P. Brown was in town Show Day. He left the next.

Mr. Logie deserves a diploma, we think, for having showed 46 varieties of vegetables, and all good.

Another batch of M. & N. W. excursionists arrived in Wpg. last Friday from Ontario.

The wheat which has been threshed in Golden Stream has given a big account of itself.

Mr. R. Galloway has bought for Mr. Gallagher about fifty gruntera from Beaver Creek to Grassy River. The unclean animal is accordingly being cleaned out.

Just be so good, Devil (or his substitute) as to enter into those swine next door so that they may rush down to the river and choke themselves.

Miss Wickware, teacher, Richmond, who has been unwell for about a month, will soon be able to resume teaching again.

The English church bazaar & lunch table netted \$50 on Show Day. The ladies worked hard for it and have reaped accordingly.

Mr. McAlpine, off 2½ acres got 165 bus. of wheat. That is 66 bus. to the acre, being about 15 bus. more to the acre than last year. Nothing like a garden bed to grow grain.

Mrs. Lindsay, who has been on a visit to her folks in Ontario, has come back again. The friends there think this is a wonderful country, seeing that it has improved Mrs. L. so wonderfully.

Messrs. G. Alecock and Wm. Mc-

Crae left for their respective homes in Ontario this week. The former will be back in the spring to put in the ground which he has backset, and bringing his folks with him.

Mr. T. Alcock, who left here some time ago for Iowa, has given the mitten to Uncle Sam and is now homesteading near Emerson. We weren't far wrong when we said he would be soon back again. There's something in the air, or rather under the sod, which inclines the wanderers to abandon the corn husks and come with great desire to be filled with the finest of wheat, which only Manitoba can grow to perfection, and to repletion, as is evidenced by all parts of the province this year.

The first meeting of the commissioners to deal with the indebtedness of Portage la Prairie was held in Wpg. last Tuesday night. The commissioners present were his honor Judge Ryan, and Mr. Adamson. It was decided to give the required thirty days notice and to commence regular sessions on the first Tuesday in November.—Commercial.

The grain is turning out well. Mr. D. Kerr had 50 bus. and a peck to the acre on 11 acres of new land, while all his wheat averaged 40 bus. and two-thirds to the acre. Mr. Beck's 40 acres of oats gave 53 bus. to the acre; his barley yielded well, while his wheat, just being threshed, is giving a good return.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14th, 1887:

We are glad to see Mr. John McConnell round again last Sat. He is afraid some of his organs are internally injured, as he feels pained very much just where the heifer's hoofs kicked him.

Mr. Quin's son-in-law's stock arrived this week here, to be taken out to the place which he has taken up beside his father-in-law. The family will remain in Winnipeg till spring to give the children winter schooling.

BIRTHS

At Gladstone, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. A. Williams, of a daughter.

At Rose Farm, Gladstone, on the 5th inst., the wife of Charles Albert Creery, of a son.

((Editorial)) . . .

The Portage has made a start in its endeavour to raise its head again. We hope it will be able to do so with renewed vigor.

What about this place? There are complications which parliament may have to unravel on account of this railway bonus. It is best to take that old fellow Time "by the forelock" so that we may not be left behind in the race when the rest of the province is pressing on. We do not think there is anything to be gained by delay now. If parliament meets early, as it is likely it will, we should have everything cut and dry for their consideration.

We hope to see those who have the forwarding of this, take off their coats and go into it with a will. Better thus than to be pitch-forked into it, as it is not graceful having the tines seen sticking into that part which meets the back.

LOCALS

Our line is carrying wheat out fast; train loads going almost every day.

Mr. McAlpine had two stacks of hay burned last week.

Mr. Claxton shipped 4 carloads of wheat for Mr. Beck last week.

Mr. McQueen's garden patch gave a wonderful yield of potatoes.

We had a sprinkling of snow Mon. morning. We heard Austin had some of the beautiful last week.

Murphies still bursting themselves in their goodness, and consequently spreading themelves over hard-up On-tay-ray-oh!

Wanted: a good gunnist to rein in Reynard of his hen-thieving proclivities.

We called attention long ago to Ferguson's bridge as being in an unsafe condition. There are holes in the covering which may bring the defunct town thro' their Emergent Citizens Committee, into litigation some of these dark nights. ((This "defunct town" and its "Emergent Citizens' Committee" is the first reference noticed of the abrogation of the town council that occurred over a year ago. It was such a sad situation, and a helpless one too, that the editor may have been reluctant to enlarge on it. Strange though that he did not advise the citizens of all the consequences entailed. Nor did we notice the appointment of the Emergent Citizens' Committee, or who they were, although he did refer to the group once in the fall of 1886. Strange, this almost dead silence; & he so quick to comment on whatever concerned the town and county)).

We hear that Mr. Haydn, who was lately station agent here, has now a similar duty in the Montana territory, on the new extension.

The Windsor House ran a very narrow chance of being cremated last Wed. morning. The chimney took fire, which was quickly put out by some of the citizens. A spark, however, was carried by the high wind between the kitchen and the main building, were it commenced to eat its way into the tar paper. The smoke issuing from several places prevented it from being located readily. Finally the fire was seen, when it was quickly drowned out. Given another two or three minutes uninterrupted headway and nothing would have prevented the entire building going. As the wind was high it might have swept the town out of existence. It ran a narrow escape.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21st, 1887:

ing, cattle bawling and fleeing, eager to be rid of their pursuers. But skill and horse-flesh, and yelling, soon drove the pair bessies into the yard when they were quickly loaded and ready for the iron horse to hitch on to, and whirl them away to the shambles.

Just arrived: A choice lot of WINTER APPLES and LEMONS at Sharp's Fruit & Confection store.

GLADSTONE MILLS having been put in thoroughly good repair, and under the management of an Al miller, are prepared to do First Class work upon good material.

Messrs. Galloway and McQueen shipped another carload of potatoes to Ontario yesterday.

Thursday morning saw the ground with a white covering. This is the first for the season.

We would call attention of our reader's to Mr. Dean's new advertisement on the 4th page. ((It should be mentioned (however belatedly) that the Moodies moved back to 4 pages at the first of the year, after publishing a two-page sheet for a year or so. But local content has not been increased as the two inside pages are ready-print. However it "looks" more like a paper this way, and the editor no longer has to refer derogatorily to "our sheet" any more. And with Dean, Schooley and Galloway each taking advts. of goodly size the public has a bit more to look for besides the well-written news items. — And incidentally, the latter advt. is still signed "William Galloway" only at this date)).

FRIDAY, OCT. 28th, 1887:

Mr. D. Broadfoot has left for Port Arthur.

Mr. D. Hembroff and a former miller here, have leased the Westbourne grist mill, we are informed.

Mr. Alex McKenzie, Grass River, brought into Galloway's, a half-ton of butter this week, for which they got the highest price on account of its excellence. He took home quite a providing in its place.

Mr. Clubb has gone to Arden to put up a new store for Mr. Boughton.

Fine sheet of ice on the river. Skaters are enjoying themselves accordingly.

Mr. Fraser, Palestine, had one of his daughters very sick. She is a little better now. Mr. Kirkland, Richmond, has a daughter ill with consumption, we are sorry to hear.

Mr. C. Fahrni lost the biggest of his ewes by wolvea the other day. This is the 16th within this while back. Coyotes, foxes, mink, skunks, etc., are very neighborly

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FRIDAY, OCT. 7th, 1887:

Notice the auction sale of land on the 18th inst.

Threshing will likely go far into the winter this year.

Mr. Brown was in town this week. Mill arrangements the cause, we presume.

Mr. James McCrae had a child buried Tuesday. It died Monday evening. It was long sick we heard.

Palestine school is being re-chinked and plastered. Mr. John Haddock is doing the work.

Mr. S. McKelvy has bought 40 acres of the late Brown farm at the back of his blacksmith shop. ((For those who have not seen the book, "Down thro' the Ages" it is of interest to know that a picture of the above-mentioned shop is preserved therein. On the 4th last page)).

Messrs. Galloway and McQueen have shipped 4 carloads of potatoes to Ontario this week. Mr. Doherty shipped a carload to Ingersoll.

The water in the river is very low. A good well will likely be a honanza this winter.

Won't some one kill a half or all the useless curs around town? The noise they made Wed. night was something pandemoniacal.

Miss Ritchie and S. Atrill will figure in the leading roles at the salvation wedding on Monday next.—Neepawa Register.

A flock of wild geese flew south last Sunday. A too, too early intimation that winter is coming soon. Ugh!

From the heavy crop and its lateness of ripening, fall plowing is not going to amount to much unless "Jack" keeps himself for a month or so yet. Haying has also been behind, as some had to finish it after harvest. We want an earlier ripening wheat than red fyfe, that's what's the matter.

Our line is carrying wheat out fast; train loads going almost every day.

Mr. McAlpine had two stacks of hay burned last week.



Official Opening of New Hospital — 1951



James G. Crawford, lawyer here for over 50 years



Walter L. Belton, Editor of Neepawa Register for 15 years
And Editor Emeritus at The Age Press from 1938 - 1952

with us now. The trouble is they don't pick up bones, but purloin the whole carcass. We will have to get up a hunt some of these days to thin them out. Rabbits being scarce is likely the cause of their presence.

On account of the C.C.C. having gone to Winnipeg this week, we were not able to get the docket. But it is light, we are happy to say, most of the cases being settled out of court.

Business seems to be thriving this fall, so say the merchants. We are very glad to have such good news.

Mr. A. Williams has shipped 7 carloads of wheat to Toronto. The price of No. 1 hard, he says, is 55c.

Prairie fires are reported all over the province during the past two weeks, and in many instances serious damage has been done. The careless and dangerous practice of lighting a prairie fire to burn a guard for personal safety met with the first check last week when a farmer near Moosomin was fined \$15 & costs and sent to prison for one month for indulging in the dangerous practice. A few more such convictions & prairie fires won't be so plentiful. — Commercial.

Some of our subscribers complain of not getting their papers regularly. We once in a while may make a mistake, but as we check our number to each post office, it rarely happens, unless in a fit of absent-mindedness. In the case of Totogan, papers may go astray readily, if there is no post office there. We do not hear of any as yet. But we like to be told at once when subscribers are not getting their papers, as it wakens us up all round.

(Editorial) . . .

Some other places are taking advantage of the Municipalities' Aid Act. Is it not about time that we were making a move? Let us meet our creditors half-way, whole way, or any way, so that some basis of mutual agreement may be arrived at. If it is to be only a "sell up," better than a Nemesis' sword hanging over our heads all the time.

We want our depopulated lands resettled. Now is the time to put our house in order. Winter is coming on when emigrants can be looked after. Mortgage company agents say they notice a vast improvement since two yrs. ago. Let us wake up and take advantage of it.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11th, 1887:

The Presbyterian church has been plastered where needed, & white-washed outside and in, making it look all the better. Once banked and another stove set up, it should be warm this winter.

Some of our settlers are at the Portage, having been summoned for the jury.

Ferguson's bridge has been fixed up again; so travellers by day or night will not run the danger of getting their horses' legs broken by going thro' the covering. Carmichael's bridge is also being put into proper shape. It was a bad wreck. We noticed the mowr still lying in the river, though the team and Mr. Carmichael are apparently all O.K. again, as we passed them this week busy back-setting and doing first class work. The stringers are being flattened and look solid-like, as they are of oak. No more black poplar for that kind of work, it is to be hoped, as we need something substantial, and no fooling about it. Messrs. T. Hembroff and T. Cory have the job. The road, which presently goes thro' Mr. Carmichael's place, will have to be adjudicated on, as the real road crosses the river before it comes to the present bridge, which would necessitate another one. It will be for the council to decide whether it will be cheaper to build another one or arrange with Mr. Carmichael to obviate this. If the road is a necessity, the way could be acquired easier & cheaper now than years after.

Those who have taken our paper for years without paying for it would oblige by calling and settling for same. *The Moodies should complain!* When we took over the "Age" in 1888 there were many long in arrears to Mr. Roy Fahrni, several going back 24 years).

Mr. W. McKelvy has been experimenting. He sowed two acres of wheat about a week ago on a strip of land he had ready for it. He hopes to see it get a good early start next spring if there isn't too much snow lying on it. If this succeeds, farmers who are through with their plowing in the fall could easily harrow in some wheat just on the edge of frost. That much of the spring work would be done anyhow. It would have a tendency, if all went well with it, to ripen first, seeing it would be getting soft and would spring up whenever the first heat came. ((The first attempt here to grow "winter wheat").

Mr. John Hockin begs to intimate to his friends that he is to give a social in Roseridge schoolhouse on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Salvation Army in attendance. Free to all. All clergy

The weather has taken a change for the better, dismissing "Jack" to his northern den for a while longer. The plough is going ahead accordingly.

Those who pay their school taxes this month will get 10 per cent off. Be alive to your gain!

are cordially invited.

Last Sat. was like a summer's day though the frost in the ground would not allow the plow to work.

Last Friday a team ran away with a young man in the town, breaking a wheel, throwing the driver out on his shoulder, which was dislocated, then running over another young man, who was more shaken up than hurt, finally breaking the tongue and riddling themselves of all encumbrances, they started to 'go west'. They were caught before they went very far. Dr. Harrison happened, fortunately, to be on the train going west, who set the shoulder, the train waiting on him. Bought experience usually comes high. We hope this will be a lesson to the young man, who is a good worker, not to get "high" any more. If the doctor had not been on the train it might have cost him a long drive or a painful wait for one, when the shoulder might not have been so easily put back into its place again.

The Hudson's Bay Rly. is being aired in the courts to see who owns it. Mr. Sutherland has disappointed the people greatly in not prosecuting the work vigorously as he said he would.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18th, 1887:

Messrs. Broadfoot and Waters were banking the Presbyterian church with sand this week.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. I. Whaley, who has been sick for a week or two, does not appear to be gaining much strength.

The mill has been idle for some days, having burst a piston rod. It was expected the repair would be on hand yesterday.

We notice Mr. Dean has some shingles for sale from the north mill, which Mr. G. McCrae lately started. If once sleighing was started lumber will likely be on hand also.

The merchants are piling in the goods.

Notice Mr. McQueen's new advertisement on fourth page.

The M. & N.W. are rushing out the wheat at a lively rate.

Ring the bell as well as give an ear-splitting shriek before you come to the crossing. It's necessary, as well as safer for all parties.

County council meets Thurs., the 24th inst. From the clerk's written notice in the postoffice we see that they are desirous of having this highway business settled, seeing that they have requested all interested to appear for their interests.

Those who pay their school taxes this month will get 10 per cent off. Be alive to your gain!

We would remind our "delinquent" subscribers to come on with their dollars O! and not to keep it at dollars owe!

Mr. J. Andrews is up from Winnipeg for a few days looking after his belongings.

The threshers are getting along famously with their work. The weather has been great for them. In a month they should be through around here, if it is as favorable.

Are there to be any new aspirants for county fathers at this new election? Time is drawing nigh. It will be perhaps as well to return the old ones and thus save the expense of an election, as there is no burning question to agitate the electors apparently.

Mr. Burpee shipped oats this week. Wheat is coming in slow, only 50c for No. 1 hard. We think the grade is altogether too high. Taking all things into consideration 50c is a ridiculous price to give for such a wheat as No. 1 hard. If the millers make a fancy grade, why don't they give a fancy price for it when they get it. If the best only brings that price, what will the grades below it bring, is a conundrum for the farmers to think about. It is impossible to grow wheat and sell it for such a low price.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25th, 1887:

The school children of Gladstone intend having a Christmas tree.

Rev. D. Stalker's horse died last Saturday. Mr. D. Budge's mare also died.

Wolves are plenty. They will have to be watched as rabbits are scarce.

We notice that Postmaster Rose is putting up a fine shed for his cattle on the land he lately purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Atrill were in town this week. The red coat attracted attention. They both belong to the Salvation Army which accounts for the uniforms.

The annual tea meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the church on Monday night the 28th inst. Doors open at 7 o'clock; tea served at 7:30. An interesting program will be rendered consisting of music by the choir and an address by the pastor on "What I Saw in Southern Italy."

Last Thurs. evening the managers of the local Presbyterian church, with their wives, were entertained by Miss Stalker at the manse. The evening was spent pleasantly in chatting, singing to the accompaniment of the piano; and discussing the viands which the hostess had skilfully prepared. The scribe was also the recipient of an invite for which his thanks are due.

The grist mill is running again.

We had a blizzard last Friday night. Sledding, boys, get out your girls.

"Kill off your old cattle when they are young, as there is no sale for old cattle."— Quote of the week.

Commend us to the Winnipeg Sun for business energy & push. Its Thanksgiving No. is a bright & happy idea most successfully carried out. The front page of the cover is unique and rich in its design, while its inner pages are profusely illustrated and interspersed with useful and entertaining reading matter. Its size is 22 x 15 and composed of 24 pages without the cover.

The new house of Mr. Geo. Grantham, of Palestine, is sufficiently advanced to call for a passing notice, though a more extended one must be deferred until its completion next spring. The foundation of solid oak rests on oak piles two feet apart, sunk into the ground and strongly braced at the corners with solid pieces of oak, thus securing the whole structure to settle altogether if it has to. The frame is very strong, the studding all through being only 16 inches apart, which will render it safe against the attack of any ordinary cyclone, an extra-ordinary one being able perhaps to lift it bodily and place it without scathe in some other region. The dimensions of the main building are 20 x 26 with a wall 15 feet which gives a height of 8 and 7 ft. respectively to the ceilings of the ground floor and upper story; thus providing a maximum air space. The intention is to have the partitions all made and the lathing finished at once so that the plastering may be completed early in the spring. Three excellent brick chimneys surmount the roof and all stove pipes are incased in all the floors they pass through in brick and mortar, thus reducing the danger of fire to a minimum. Mr. B. Williscroft, of Gladstone, ably seconded by himself, had the doing of the work so far.

TO THE SEC.-TREASURER
GLADSTONE SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Sir: I enclose a 25 cent shin plaster to pay my tax on that town lot. Your postscript: "School tax only; no town tax this year" is a most astonishing statement. Is the town so largely endowed that it can draw interest sufficiently from its investments to pay running expenses? Without some data I am at a loss to understand how you can manage. With us there are two things we are sure of - these are death and taxea.

(Ed.—This must be one of 'em sweet, innocent Grangers from Wayback, Ontario. He must adopt Horace Greeley's advice, "Go west, young man"; & he will get

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FRIDAY, NOV. 4th, 1887:

Neepawa has started a Chautauqua circle.

The surveyors are in from the Lake Dauphin region.

Men have started again to bore for oil in the Lake Dauphin region.

Mr. G. McCrae has been in town for a few days on business. He says he has the shingle mill running.

Patrons of the Birtle Cheese Factory have received about \$20 for the milk of each cow, furnished during a period of three months.—Birtle Observer.

We notice that butter is selling at Neepawa for 16c, and eggs, 15c. Galloway Bros. here give 18c for butter and 16c for eggs.

We would be obliged by our subscribers who are in arrears, paying up. Pay your paper and the P.D. will not have to think of you viciously when he is shovelling in the coals.

Rev. James Robertson, superintendent of missions will preach

an "eye-opener." This western part of the Dominion has been so busy and cute in denying themselves the extreme felicity of paying taxes that they have not been able to tackle death yet. Doubtless when they get rested a bit they will perhaps think of it. This is a great and vast country of "inimitable possibilities," consequently there is no saying what its inhabitants may yet be capable of. We are just in our chrysalis state. As we originally sprang from the monkey (according to Darwin) "having our tails behind us" - the Chinese are a backward example, who still have their tails from the crown of their heads - we look forward to a like progressive stage in the future, the lightness and dryness of our atmosphere inclining us to volatility.

FLORENTA

The weather is all that can be desired. The thrasher is anxiously looked for in this section.

Mr. Rollins and Mr. Wilson have arrived home all O.K. The

latter intends staying a while for the good of his health.

Mr. E. Snell is very ill. He is very low at present. Dr. McFadden, from Neepawa, is attending him.

Miss Cox closes the Florenta school on the 23rd of November. All are invited to attend.

Stray calves have become as common a word as chestnuts; some borrowing buckboards to hunt them.

Wonder who that there fellow was I saw crawling thro' the brush the other day with a double-barrelled gun on his shoulder. Pity that dear fellow's hands and knees.

Marriage bells will ring about Christmas; if not then, in strawberry time.

We hear that Mr. H. McGill intends going to Ontario in a few days. Wonder what kind of calves he is after. Charming ones likely.

"Rambler of the North". Florenta, Nov. 17.

for the extra 17 feet taken by them.

Hanna-Munro, that Mr. McCrae be allowed \$75 for right-of-way through NE quarter and SE quarter of 27, the road to be 66 feet clear from the north side of the M. & N.W. fence, in accordance with plan drawn by G. B. Bemister, D.L.S. Carried.

Anderson-McRae: that \$12.22 be returned on NW quarter of 14, N.E. 15, 18, 12 charged in error, with interest on railway bonus. Carried.

McRae-Anderson: that there be a rebate on the N.W. 16-14-10 of \$4.56 on account of not receiving his assessment list.

Broadfoot-Hanna: that the clerk write and request the M. & N.W. Rly. Co. to move their fence on the south side of the road across the S.E. quarter of 28-14-11, and place the same 33 feet from the centre line of their track, the council having settled the question of the highway through this quarter section with Mr. McCrae, he agreeing to allow the road to run according to Order-in-Council passed by the Dominion Govt., Jan. 3, 1887.

Munro-McRae that the taxes amounting to \$1,556.85 on lands cancelled or not assessed this year, be written off treasurer's books. Carried.

McCrae: that Messrs. Jamieson, Broadfoot and the clerk be a committee to confer with Mr. Eden, Land Commissioner of the M. & N.W. Rly. on the 5th of December next re emigration.

Finance Committee

The finance committee having examined and passed the following accounts, recommended payment of same:

Ward 6
T. Carmichael, damages . \$60.00
R. Fleming, work on roads 25.00
J. F. Pool, (same) 31.75
J. McLaughlin (same) 21.00
A. Anderson (same) 49.00
H. Fletcher (same) 18.00
W. Bourdette (same) 75.00

Ward 5
C. McDiarmid (same) 17.36
L. Leslie (same) 7.00
T. Hembroff, bridge repair 90.00
D. Reece 1.00
P. Crouter, work on rds. 5.00
D. Carmichael, cutting mustard 2.50
D. Kerr, cutting thistles .. 2.50
D. Carmichael, road work 10.50

Ward 3
J. Hy. Folkhard (same) 35.10
L. Olson (same) 10.00
G. Phillips (same) 15.00
A. Stewart (same) 5.00
Hamilton Loan & Provident Co., tax rebate 31.93
Judge Ryan, voters' list 3.00
G. B. Bemister, hwy. 29.80
O. McCrae, road compensation 247.00

Nomination day is Tues., Dec. 6th at 12 o'clock noon in Andrew's Hall. Election day, the following Tuesday. A by-law was struck accordingly. The following are the polling places, with

the names of the Returning Officers:

No. 1: consisting of twps. 13 and 14, rge. 9; and settlement of Westbourne—at schoolhouse, E. J. Seymour.

No. 2: Twps. 15, 16, 17, rge. 9; and Twps. 16 and 17, rge. 8—at Lakeside schoolhouse, Alex Paul.

No. 3: Twps. 14 and 17—at Woodsdale schoolhouse, J. McRae.

No. 4: Twps. 16 and 17, rge. 11 and 12—at Richmond schoolhouse, F. Rollins.

No. 5: Twp. 15, rge. 11 & 12, —at Blake schoolhouse, H. Paynter.

No. 6: Twp. 14, Rge. 11, except secs. 16; and Twp. 14, rgs. 12—at Livingstone schoolhouse, C. P. Bennett.

No. 7: Twp. 13, rge. 10—Wellington schoolhouse, R. McKelvy.

No. 8: Twp. 13, Rge. 11 & 12; and secs. 16 and 14, rge. 11—at Silver Stream schoolhouse, J. L. Gould.

Council adjourned to meet on Tues., Dec. 27th.

(Editorial) . . .

The committee which the council appointed to meet and confer with Mr. Eden, land commissioner of the M. & N.W., re abandoned homesteads, with an object of getting them cancelled so as to get them settled on, is a good one. The railway is to be commended for its public spirit, even though it does bring grist to its own mill. We hope to see an influx of new life in our midst next summer so as to stimulate and quicken our sluggish blood.

LOCALS

Mrs. A. Nicol left last Friday for Auld Scotia.

Merchants are raking in the cash.

Mr. Gallagher shipped two carloads of cattle this week.

Marriage bells about Christmas; don't say a word.

Wheat is coming in fast. The price is 52c for the fancy article; 51c, to away down, for the miller's riff-raff.

Rev. W. Murdin will not be able to hold his usual services on Sunday, as he went to Wpg. during the week.

Mr. Claxton is bringing horses from Wpg. Now is your chance to quit yelling at the deaf ox and get a horse, even though you have not a kingdom to give in exchange.

STRAY CALVES: Came to the premises of the undersigned, sec. 27, twp. 14, rge. 11, in July, two spring calves, a heifer & a steer; the heifer is red, the steer, grey. Owner required to prove prop., pay expenses & take them away.

W. GLENN.

PRESBYTERIAN ANNUAL TEA MEETING

The church was well filled with people from far and near. The tea and its rich accompaniments were discussed with a relish provoked by driving thro' the keen, frosty air. It isn't necessary to praise the ladies for furnishing condiments to tickle the palate, for this is one of the many things in which "Excelsior" is attained by them in handling promiscuous substances with nicest care so that many may feel brimful of good.

Mr. Dean was called to the chair. He gave a brief address and then called upon the choir for a piece entitled, "The Song of the Harvester," which was done well, Mr. Jamieson taking the leading part.

The chairman, after complimenting the choir for its performance, as also its appropriateness, then called upon Rev. D. Stalker for his lecture.

Mr. Stalker then gave a running comment on what he saw in Southern Italy. The speaker took us in a big hurry across "the herring pond" to Liverpool; thence to Italy by way of London, the channel, Paris, and so on down to Turin, passing thro' the Mont Cenis tunnel, which took half an hour. He had a U.S. Presbyterian minister as companion. Before reaching Turin they passed thro' 25 tunncls, viewed the Alps, the home of the Waldensians, who fought and died so nobly for the truth which made us free.

((Mr. Moodie dutifully attempts to give a full report on the beloved pastor's tour of the continent, and carries on for another full column before he finally has to declare, "not having any more space to spare, we are compelled to quit," but finishes off by publishing the prepared address as follows):

The chairman complimented the lecturer for the interesting information he had given. Then he read the following address:

Gladstone, Nov. 28, 1887.
Rev. D. Stalker,

Dear Friend and Pastor: It is now over six years since you first came here as pastor of this congregation, & during that time you have labored faithfully and earnestly in your Master's cause.

We feel that we have been the better of your ministrations to us as a pastor, and our earnest prayer is that God in his providence may long spare you to be a blessing to the people of Gladstone & vicinity.

In you we have not only found a faithful pastor but a warm friend, and as a small token of esteem for you, and appreciation of your service we hand you the enclosed present to assist you in the purchase of another horse, accompanied with the well wishes of the donors for your spiritual

and temporal well being — from the ladies of Gladstone and adjoining stations.

Rev. Stalker said he felt totally taken by surprise at this expression of good will to him. If in his humble efforts he had done good to them he was glad, which would encourage him to do more by them in the future in the Master's cause. He thanked them very kindly for this expression of their esteem.

We understand the ladies raised about \$75.

The choir sang, "Happy Home," Mr. Mason taking the solo part. We never heard him in better voice, his notes being clear, well sustained & with expression. The chorus part ably seconded him.

The chairman appeared to be at home in his chair, as he was able to make a few pleasant and profitable remarks as occasion demanded, and also to lean well back on its restful back.

The tea meeting raised \$20 for church purposes.

After "God Save the Queen" was sung by all standing, Rev. Woolley closed the enjoyable meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9th, 1887:

No mail on Tuesday from the east, the C.P.R. being nine hours late.

Mr. Claxton has brought in a three-quarter bred Percheron stud horse; also a couple of mares, 3 and 4 respectively from the celebrated Hambleton stock, Kentucky. Now is your chance to secure a fast mare, to improve your stock.

NOMINATION DAY

Nominations for councillors for Westbourne Municipality was held in Andrews' Hall, Tuesday, between 12 and 1 o'clock. Mr. John Mason, clerk of the municipality, was returning officer. There were fewer in the hall than normally on such occasions - a very marked difference from the last election. Time being up (sun time) the returning officer read out the following:

For Reeve: A. E. Smalley. (No opposition).

Ward 1: A. Munro. (Unopposed).

Ward 2: D. McRae. (Unopposed).

Ward 3: J. S. Anderson. (Unopposed).

Ward 4: W. H. West. (Unopposed).

Ward 5: D. Rintoul and D. Kerr. A poll declared by the returning officer.

Ward 6: W. Hanna. (Unopposed).

Councillors J. A. Broadfoot & J. M. Jamieson retired. This being all the business of the returning officer, he declared the meet-

ing open for the election of a chairman to hear what the last councillors had to say. The meeting was then constituted by Mr. Mason being unanimously called to the chair.

The chairman, before proceeding to business, then suggested to Messrs. D. Rintoul and D. Kerr that it would be as well to arrange between themselves and their nominators how to avoid a contest. As they were agreeable, and the meeting as well, it was soon settled and the honor fell upon Mr. D. Rintoul, thus making a poll unnecessary. All the councillors were thus elected by acclamation.

(Editorial) . . .

We congratulate our county council on having no election. There has been one or two changes but with the exception of one ward there was no opposition, and in it the difficulty was soon surmounted.

(Editorial) . . .

It is to be hoped that our county council will be the better of the keel-hauling which Mr. D. Rintoul gave them in the matter of economy in this hospital business. The science of economics may easily be dribbled into niggardliness or meanness.

(Editorial) . . .

We can heartily endorse Mr. Pool's earnest wish that this right-of-way business should be settled at once and for ever. It is our misfortune that these railway debentures put us into such a fix. This is one of the "mixed goods" in trying to live in the future. However, if we live long enough, we will see them all straightened out.

The people of this country have such a lesson from bonusing that they should petition the legislature to put it on the statute books as a criminal offence either to ask or give a bonus. It is only a species of blackmailing, and a very bad one at that.

LOCALS

The town did not have much of a holiday look on Nomination Day.

Who calls the literary, dramatic or any other one, into activity for to improve our "intelligence" on these lonely, dark winter evenings? If we can do nothing else, let's start a whistling school.

The little bridge below Pritchard's old house has a hole in one of the planks, a dangerous trap for a horse's leg. The P.D. got his foot just in and out again before any accident befell. Don't say the d--- is good to his own.

Let us wake up to our interests and have a big turn-out to our annual Agricultural Society meeting on Monday, the 19th, at 1 o'clock in Andrews' hall.

We hear that the M. & N.W. starts next week to run three trains a week. This will give us three eastern mails, instead of four, as at present. One advantage it has, you can go up or down with it and return the next. But why the crab way of going? Unless it is to get the wheat out. We see that extra freights are being run. If sleighing keeps good it will keep our line busy so as to prevent a blockade.

Mr. Eden, land commissioner of the M. & N.W., spent a day in town this week. We believe it to be the first he has done in a dog's age. We hope he will come occasionally. Such visits have a tendency to bind us and the railway together, as an iron band is all good enough, but we need something warmer. For our own part we were glad to make his acquaintance and have a friendly chat with him.

Threshing should be done around here this month if no breakage occurs to the mill, at present going. When our farmers talked about getting another mill in we thought we had enough to overtake the crop in time. This is no time to be threshing, as, what with the cold and snow, it doesn't make good or pleasant work. Also farmers have bills to pay about the end of the year, & from the humbugging way some of us have been dealt with, it will be hard to get our grain in time to market so as to meet our engagements. We heard incidentally, and hope it is true, that one who has been threshing around here this season intends bringing in another mill next season and carrying his own hands along with him. From the convenience this would be to the farmer compared with the present way, and also from the straightforwardness of the man, we think he would be well patronized. Farmers would have to consider one thing, and which is very essential, that their payments would need to be prompt to enjoy this easy way of threshing, seeing that the thresher has to pay his hands as he goes.

Sleighbing is good now, consequently wheat is coming in fast. If only our beautifully sow-backed graded streets would be so accommodating as to hold the beautiful which softly falls upon them, it would incline teamsters to "break gently" their blessings or the head of the grand designer.

A tea meeting will be held in Soudan schoolhouse, Fri., Dec. 16th. Tea to be served at 7 p.m. All are kindly invited. Adm., 25c. The object is to get lamps so evening meetings may be held. We hope to see it a grand success, as the long winter evenings is the time for improvement, whether in singing, debating or acquiring more information how best to till the soil with profit.

Mr. Gallagher shipped a prime carload of 2, 3 and 4-year-old

steers last Tuesday from here for the Wpg. Xmas market. In fact they were the best, taking them as a whole, which has ever left here. He has shipped a pair of very large oxen which took first prize at our show. About half the carload belonged to Mr. C. Fahrni, which also took prizes at the show here. Mr. Slade had also a couple of fine horses among them. Winnipeg gets a treat now in her juicy steaks, compared to what she did fifteen years ago when the order was to beat it, mash it, roll it, stew it, or fry it. "There's nothing like leather."

FRIDAY, DEC. 16th, 1887:

We are sorry to say that Mr. Clubb is very sick.

Mr. Jas. Fraser, Palestine twp. bagged last week in the Arden district one elk and 4 jumping deer; not a bad 3-days' work. He intends going out again soon. It seems to be a kin' o' sudden death when he gets a bead on.

A Xmas tree entertainment will be given by pupils of the Gladstone school in Andrews' hall on the evening of Dec. 24, which will consist of dialogues, recitations, etc., and music by a choir of the pupils under the direction of Misses Stalker and Broadfoot. Parents and the public are invited to put their Xmas presents on the tree during the day. Children between the ages of 14 and 75 will be charged a fee of 15c; all others free. We would ask the co-operation of all our Gladstone friends in making this a success. —D. Stevenson, teacher.

The following are the municipal officers of Lansdowne Municipality: R. Vanblaricom, reeve; Councillors: Milnie, Lewis, McGie, Parker, Smith, Stephen, Orton, J. J. McConnell.

Mr. H. Mustard, of Palestine, has bought a 3-year-old thoroughbred bull from his father-in-law, Mr. John McLauchlan, of Squirrel Creek.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gladstone Town Debt

Gladstone, Dec. 19, 1887.
To The Editor,
Gladstone Age.

Sir: While in Wpg. last week, I called on D. McArthur, Drummond Bros. and F. B. Ross, the creditors of the town, and arranged to meet them in McArthur's office to discuss the affairs and see if some settlement of the town debt could not be arrived at.

There were present, D. McArthur, Geo. Drummond, Hon. C. P. Brown, and myself. The present position of the town was fully discussed and both McArthur and Mr. Drummond stated their determination not to accept

any settlement for any less than the full amount of their claims against the town, but they were willing to reduce the rate of interest from 8 to 5 percent. Mr. McArthur acknowledged that the town couldn't pay its present indebtedness (about \$35,000) but that it could pay \$20,000 at 5 per cent interest.

In answer to the question if they would not leave the matter to be dealt with as provided by the local govt., Mr. McArthur replied that the act was of no use, not worth anything. In view of the fact that the town could not pay its indebtedness in full, we asked them if it would not be better for all parties to make some arrangement, and let the town go on and pay what it was able, the answer was, "No, nothing can be done unless the whole indebtedness is paid." They said they would make no arrangement for anything else. Mr. McArthur contended that the Legislature should step in and redeem the credit of the province by paying off the debts of all the towns now in difficulties, over and above what the towns were able to pay, giving the creditors the full amount of their claims; and until the Legislature passed some such legislation no settlement could be arrived at.

That ends in the meantime all efforts to effect a settlement. To deal on that basis is useless. The govt. that would undertake the task of paying the liabilities of the indebted municipalities would have a bigger elephant on their hands than the building of sixty miles of railroad ((probably a reference to the proposed Red River Rly.)).

There are two things we should be above doing, viz., repudiation pure and simple, and the asking of the province to saddle the debt. The buying of the bonds of the town of Gladstone was a matter of speculation on the part of the bond-holders that is proved by the fact that they only paid 75c on the \$. I am of the opinion it will be their turn yet to take 75c on the \$, or less.

A commission appointed by the govt. to investigate and report on what is within the power of the present diseased municipalities to pay, and the interest on that amount at 4 or 5 percent, guaranteed by the govt. for a certain length of time, is far enough to go without impairing their own credit.

If we could get the names of the holders of the debentures & communicate with them direct, I believe we could make an equitable arrangement if the matter was put fairly before them.

J. L. LOGIE.

MORE LOCALS

Court day Friday, 23rd inst.

Parties are cautioned from cutting or hauling wood from S¹/2 23, Livingstone.

Notice the advt. for Inspectors wanted for Protestant schools.

Mr. Beck, of Palestine, has gone to "ole Virginny" to see the old folks.

Mr. M. McLeod, of Palestine, is negotiating for a half interest in Mr. Claxton's stud horse.

Mr. Williams shipped a carload of fat cattle for the Wpg. market this week.

Mr. Whaley is still very poorly. We hope to see him well again, as we hear he is able to take a little more nourishment than at first.

Wheat from 53c to away down. Want of cars is troubling the buyers. Another buyer, a Mr. Campbell, from the Portage, is helping to make the wheat "to hum".

He talks about getting a store-house to aid him. Fifty cars at the least have left here since the buyers started. Calculators guess at between 3 and 4 times that yet to follow. If all our vacant lands were occupied, and made to fulfil their mission, that would only be a "flea bite" to what we could do. Let us be up and doing and save settlers from "going west" when they can be accommodated with good land in the midst of schools and churches.

Mr. C. Fahrni sold a yearling pony for \$75 to some Lakeside settlers this week. They brought in three yoke of steers which they sold him. Also, Mr. Fahrni sold a mare to Mr. Snell for \$175. Horse flesh is in great demand by our farmers. The days of the horned horses is about over.

All Saints' church is to be decorated with evergreen, etc., for Xmas. Artistic designs for texts and emblems have been prepared and give promise of making a very effective appearance. The services on Xmas Day will be morning prayers, with celebration of holy communion at 11 a.m.; and evening prayers at 6:30 p.m. The offertory at both services will, in accordance with the usual custom on Xmas Day, be given to the incumbent.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23rd, 1887:

Mr. McLeod has bought the mares which Mr. Claxton lately brought up from Winnipeg.

Weather stormy and very cold! Grand threshing weather! Jes' so! Tuesday, one of "Manitoba's own." Wednesday, mild; Thursday snowed heavily till the afternoon, with a leaden sky.

Remember the children's Xmas tree tomorrow evening in Andrews' Hall at 7 p.m. Remember to decorate the tree during the day so that it can be lit up

at night and dazzle with expectation the little ones.

"A Nicht in Scotland," Bide a wec; dinna ax me, for I'm gaun the nicht tae foregather wi' the auld songs whilk used tae mak' my bluid tingle tae ma verra finger tips. Ah, it's tha expressumon, that sets the deep-seated fire a-flowin' i' the Scottish breast.

Rev. C. R. Littler went north this week to get some trees to decorate the English Church on Xmas day. He also thoughtfully brought a tree for the children's party.

The bright light seen last Tuesday evening was not an electric thought thrown from the sight-seer's eyes on the frosty electric air, thus causing combustion; as the same phenomenon was observed at Westbourne in the shape of a fire-ball.

A series of lectures and concerts are to be given during the winter under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, the first of which will be given next Thursday evening, the 29 inst., in the church, when the Rev. Jas. Todd, of Minnedosa, will deliver a lecture on his late tour thro' Scotland, "A Nicht in Scotland," interspersed with music by Miss McRae, of Winnipeg, a talented Scottish vocalist.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Next week, Xmas holidays beginning on, we will be "off" as usual - don't take us up till we fall, as we don't mean the "off" in a colloquial sense. O Charity! Charity! (better, and more appropriately known as love) thou are a wondrously fair and beautiful thing, especially at this peculiarly engaging, stuffing and gift-giving time to young & old.

We wish all a Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year, hoping that the experiences of the past will fit them all the more to wrestle successfully with the possibilities of the future.

OH, SANTA CLAUS!

Oh Santa Claus! Oh Santa Claus
Be sure and think of me;
And put some very pretty things
Upon the Christmas tree.

I know you'll come! I know you will!

Because you alway do;
So I'll hang up—oh, yes, I will—
Two stockings and a shoe

You know I'd like a great big doll,

All dressed in white and blue;
But if you can't a big one find,
A smaller one will do.

Now Santa Claus! Dear Santa Claus!

Be sure and don't forget;
But come as early as you can,

To please my Mama's pet.

TUNE: "The Bailiff's Daughter of Islington".



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(BACK ROW): Robbie Roe; Ivan Milne; Keith Loney; (ROW THREE): Gary Otto; James Walsh; Robert Parsons; Darrell Ross; Dossie Mayor; Drew McNichol; (ROW TWO): Violet Ferguson; Dorothy Morton; Lynne Soper; Roxy Clayton; Charlene Willis; Kimberley Morrison; Derrill Borne; Gwen Ferguson; (FRONT): Walter Michalski; Craig Douglas; Perry DeKezel; Dennis Lenten; Carl Beaulieu.

— Miss Helen Broadfoot, teacher.